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AT LEAST 2 KILLED IN MASSIVE FIRE AT MAHA CHEMICAL PLANT

The fire at Jindal Poly Films plant, which appears to have been triggered by a blast in a boiler, also injured 19 others

EXPLOSION SHOOK NEARBY VILLAGES

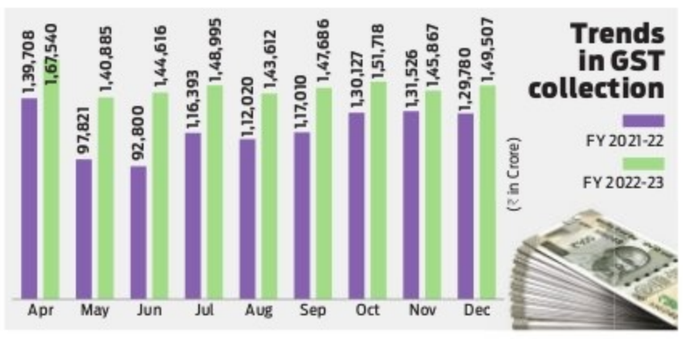
The explosion was so strong that it was heard in several nearby villages. A thick plume of smoke could be seen above the factory, located in Nashik district's Mundhegaon village along the Mumbai-Agra highway. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde ordered a high-level probe to determine the exact cause of the incident | P8

A BIGGER TRAGEDY AVERTED

- A company official said three of the five boilers at the plant do not use flammable material. The other two are small, meaning there was lesser chance of them getting blown up
- The incident happened around 11.30 am. As it was the first day of the new year, fewer workers were present at the factory

Four
OF THE 17 INJURED ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI



Jobless rate rises to 16-month high

Hits 8.3% in December, urban unemployment peaks at 10.09%

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

STEPPING into the new year, there was not-so-good news for the country's job seekers, as India's jobless rate rose to a 16-month high at 8.3% in December 2022, due to the sharp spike in urban unemployment rate at 10.09%. In November, it stood at 8%.

According to data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, the urban unemployment rate rose to 10.09% in December from 8.96% the previous month. The unemployment rate in rural areas slipped to 7.44% in December from 7.55% in November.

Experts do not see any significant new employment opportunities in coming months due to headwinds in global markets and also because of the sudden spike in Covid cases.

"Consumer goods, automotives and financial services have had a good run around the festive season of September-December. To cater to this upswing, new jobs were created in August-September. Construction, engineering and manufacturing have not grown considering the inflationary pressures," said Aditya Narayan Mishra, MD and CEO of CIEL HR Services.

IT, outsourcing and tech-driven startups and services had subdued activity in December, impacting employment negatively. With global recession fears and slowdown in client spending, the IT industry may face more challenges in 2023, particularly in the fourth quarter. Many startups laid off staffers in recent months.

"Travel, hospitality and tourism sectors have been on a high in December. However, they have not increased employment because they are optimising their resources now and backfilling the vacant spots. Pharma, healthcare and life sciences have remained stable in their employment," Mishra added.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

Month	India	Urban	Rural
Dec-22	8.3	10.09	7.44
Nov-22	8	8.96	7.55
Oct-22	7.77	7.21	8.04
Sep-22	6.43	7.7	5.84
Aug-22	8.28	9.57	7.68
Jul-22	6.83	8.22	6.17
Jun-22	7.83	7.32	8.07
May-22	7.14	8.24	6.63
Apr-22	7.83	9.22	7.18
Mar-22	7.57	8.28	7.24
Feb-22	8.11	7.57	8.37
Jan-22	6.56	8.14	5.83

EXPRESS READ

Woman dies after being dragged for 8 km by car

New Delhi: A 20-year-old woman died after her scooty was hit by a car and her body was dragged for around 8 km in outer Delhi's Sultanpuri on Sunday, police said. Five men travelling in the car have been arrested. Meanwhile, the Delhi Commission for Women has issued notice to the police. P8

Yet another stampede at TDP event, 3 killed

Amaravati: Three women were killed on Sunday near here when people rushed to receive gifts leading to a stampede at a TDP programme. The incident comes just three days after the death of eight people during a similar TDP event in Nellore. P5

Dec GST revenue up 15% at ₹1.49L cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE new year started on a positive note for the government on the revenue front as the GST mop up in December clocked ₹1,49,507 crore, registering a 15% increase over the same period last year. This is the 10th straight month when the monthly GST (Goods and Services Tax) collections have been over ₹1.4 lakh crore.

Of the ₹1,49,507 crore, collections under Central GST (CGST) were ₹26,711 crore, State GST ₹33,357 crore and Integrated GST ₹78,434 crore.

After settling 36,669 crore from IGST to CGST and ₹31,094 crore to SGST, the total revenue of the Centre and the states in December 2022 was ₹63,380 crore for CGST and ₹64,451 crore for the SGST.

Imports accounted for ₹40,263 crore of GST collections, which were 8% higher than the previous year, while GST from domestic transactions (including import of services) were 18% higher than that of the same month last year.

MS Mani, partner, Deloitte India, said an 18% increase in the GST revenues from domestic transactions viewed with the increase in e-way bill issuance and the significant increase in GST collections by key manufacturer and consuming states, would be indicative of a sustained manufacturing and consumption cycle across recent months.

During November, 7.9 crore e-way bills were generated, which was significantly higher than 7.6 crore e-way bills generated in October, 2022.

The monthly average GST collection in the first nine months is now ₹1.48 lakh crore, almost ₹30,000 more than the average monthly collections of ₹1.18 lakh crore during the same month last year.

The total collection in the April-December 2022 has been ₹13.34 lakh crore, 25% more than ₹10.67 lakh collection during the same period in the previous year.

Sandeep Singh quits as Haryana minister

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

HARYANA Sports Minister and former Indian hockey team captain Sandeep Singh on Sunday resigned from his post, hours after the Chandigarh Police booked him on a sexual harassment complaint filed by a female athletics coach of Haryana.

Sandeep Singh

The junior coach alleged that the BJP minister made a Snapchat call to her on July 1 last year, and said that as her National Games certificate was pending, he wanted to meet her to sort it out. Around 6.50 pm, she went to his camp office, located at his official residence.

She alleged that once she reached there, she was taken to a private room where Singh touched her inappropriately, praised her body and told her to keep him happy. CONTINUED ON: P7

Bizman shoots self dead, names Limbavali

> He claims that he approached Limbavali, who asked him to take Rs 90 lakh and forego the remaining amount which is around Rs 2.22 crore. He was paid Rs 90 lakh in instalments
>
> Senior police officer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HOLDING BJP MLA Aravind Limbavali and five others responsible for his death, a 47-year-old businessman ended his life by shooting himself dead in his car near Kaggalipura on the outskirts of the city, on Sunday evening. Based on the suicide note the deceased has left, the police have registered a case of abetment to suicide.

The deceased, Pradeep S, was a resident of Ambalipura off Haralur Road. The police said Pradeep and his relatives had checked in to a resort in Nettigere village off Kanakapura Road on Saturday to celebrate the New Year. On Sunday morning, he told them that he had to go to Sira in Tumakuru and left the resort. But he went to his residence where he prepared three sets of an eight-page death note and kept one in his wife's wardrobe and the others in his car.

"He returned to the resort, but did not inform anyone and stuck another note on the windshield of a relative's car. He waited for everyone to check out. Around 4.30 pm, when they left in their cars, he overtook them to ensure that they see him, speeded and stopped ahead. Before they approached him, he shot himself in the head with a pistol," a senior police officer said. CONTINUED ON: P5

NYE TRAGEDY

Businessman shoots son's friend, dies of heart attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

THE New Year celebration turned tragic when a businessman suffered a heart attack and died after he accidentally fired at his son's friend on Saturday night. The youth who sustained the bullet injury died on Sunday afternoon.

The deceased have been identified as Manjunath Olekar (67) and Vinay (34). Sources said Olekar and his son Sandeep had organised a party at their house in Vidya Nagar to ring in the New Year. Two friends of Olekar's son too were part of the celebration.

When the clock struck 12, Olekar took out his double barrel breech loading (DBBL) gun to fire in the air to welcome the New Year. When he was trying to load the gun, he accidentally fired at Vinay. Olekar panicked, suffered a heart attack and died on the spot, said Superintendent of Police Mithun Kumar GK.

Vinay was taken to a private hospital for treatment, where he died of his wounds on Sunday afternoon. Sources said Vinay was a PhD research student, hailing from Hosanagara. The Kote police registered a case and are investigating.

4 from TN die as their car collides with KSRTC bus

Four friends from Tamil Nadu, who were heading towards Gokarna after New Year celebrations in Goa, were killed when their car collided head on with a KSRTC bus on Sunday, police said. The deceased were identified as Arun Pandian, Vipul, Mohammad, and Shekaran. P3

QUARRY OWNERS' STRIKE HITS AERO INDIA WORKS

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

PREPARATIONS for Aero India, which begins on February 13, are in full swing and organisers trying to finish the civic works ahead of schedule have been hit hard by the shortage of construction material.

The paucity is because of an ongoing strike by owners of quarries and stone crushing units asking the government to meet their certain demands. Sources said hundreds of loads of jelly stone, M-sand and other construction material are required to finish the works at the Aero India venue, the Yelahanka Air Force Station.

"We know that they need around 1,400 truck loads of construction material for Aero India. But we are helpless. We are not agitating in arrogance, but out of sheer helplessness. If we do not continue the agitation, we will lose all our properties and even the houses we live in. We also understand that after the works, they need about three weeks of curing to complete these projects. But what to do," president of the Karnataka Quarry and Stone Crusher Owners' Association Ravindra Shetty told *The New Indian Express*.

CONTINUED ON: P4

BCCI: Going forward, Yo-Yo test, Dexa must for selection

GOMESH S @ Chennai

2023 has just begun. While most of the world is still soaking in the past year and celebrating entering the new year brimming with hopes and dreams, the Indian cricketing body did not waste any time before getting to work. Such has been the performance of the Indian men in 2022, they had to review it in Mumbai as India saw the first sunrise of 2023.

And in the meeting that was attended by its top brass, captain, head coach, NCA chief and chairman of selectors, the BCCI kicked off 2023 with some key policy decisions with at least two ICC trophies — World Test Championship and a home ODI World Cup — at stake.

Perhaps the most important decision made is that the National Cricket Academy (NCA) will be working in tandem with the IPL franchisees to keep an eye on certain players. "Keeping in mind the men's FTP and preparations for ICC CWC 2023, the NCA will work in tandem with the IPL franchisees to monitor the targeted Indian players participating in the IPL 2023," secretary Jay Shah said in a statement.

If workload management is one aspect, the board has also decided to reinstate the Yo-Yo test, Dexa (bone scan test) as the eligibility criteria for selection. In 2022, the Indian men's team was plagued with injuries through the year. Recently skipper Rohit Sharma came out and said they cannot have half-fit players in the team. The BCCI has also decided that "the emerging players" will have to go through the grind in domestic circuit to be eligible for selection. The 2021-22 season saw the BCCI make personnel changes in their quest for an ICC title. With that not bearing fruit, they have gone one step further, making some policy decisions this time around. Whether it will translate into results this year, one will have to wait and watch. P11

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ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 02/01/2023 • Year: Shubhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Hemantha • Masa: Pausha • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Ekadashi 10.12 pm
Nakshatra: Bharani 4.50 pm • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 16°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Partly cloudy

Sunrise 6.42 am
Sunset 6.05 pm
Moonrise 2.28 pm
Moonset 2.03 am

₹1.12 cr fine collected for wrong number plates

Operation from 2019 to 2022; Police crack down on vehicles displaying unauthorised names, emblems

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

CRACKING down on vehicles displaying unauthorised names, emblems, names of associations, and others on number plates, the Karnataka Transport Department has collected a whopping Rs 1.12 crore as penalty, from vehicle owners from December 2019 to December 2022. Transport officials said their drive will continue and be intensified till people fall in line.

Mallikarjun, Additional Commissioner (Enforcement) of Transport Department, told *TNIE* that according to Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) and the Rules 50, 51 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, display of unauthorised names, emblems and signs on vehicles is a violation.

As per data accessed by *TNIE*, the transport department inspected 6.07 lakh vehicles between December 2019 and December 2022. Of these, they have found 14,620 vehicles violating the law and have booked them. Officials have collected a fine of Rs 1.12 crore from the violators. These vehicles were found carrying the state's emblem, names of the positions like state president, secretary, names of associations and others in violation of the law.

"We have created awareness

among the public on putting up unauthorised things on their number plates and vehicles. We have been carrying out routine drives in Bengaluru Urban and Rural divisions. Our officials at Mysuru, Shivamogga, Belagavi and Kalaburagi divisions too are carrying out the drives," said Mallikarjun.

Among all the divisions, Bengaluru Urban had more violations, with 4,765 cases found flouting the rule, followed by Belagavi with 3,633 and Shivamogga with 2,515 cases. Though the Mysuru division inspected the highest number of vehicles at 1.69 lakh, only 1,139 were found violating the law.

Mallikarjun requested vehicle owners to remove unauthorised additions put up on the vehicles, to avoid paying fines and added that the drive will continue.

78 DRINK DRIVING CASES BOOKED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Even as the city saw high security and a strong police presence, only 78 cases of drunken driving were booked in Bengaluru on New Year's Eve. MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner, Bengaluru Traffic Police tweeted that citizens were seen to be driving responsibly and of all the persons checked for drink and drive, only 78 were booked for violations. Despite thousands of people gathering near MG Road, Church Street, Brigade Road, Koramangala, and even Indiranagar, not many violations were observed, an officer said, adding that with extended Metro and bus services, people opted for public transport.

NETAJI'S LEGACY

'The young must embrace ideas of freedom fighters'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DR Anita Bose Pfaff, economist and daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, encouraged students to follow and embrace the ideas of Indian Freedom Fighters.

Speaking at the 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Subhas Chandra Bose, organised by the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose 125th Birth Anniversary Celebrations Committee on Sunday, she said that many of the ideas that the freedom fighters, including Netaji, stood for are still relevant today and fighting for the realisation of these ideals is important.

Netaji's dream was to make his India free of colonial exploitation. He has retained his place in the heart of millions

Dr Anita Bose Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

"Netaji's dream was to make his India free of colonial exploitation. He has retained his place in the hearts of millions. If the young embrace the ideas of freedom fighters, there are a number of ways to serve your country. Ideas Netaji stood for are still relevant today. The Indian National Army was where women were respected. All ate together. Hindus and Muslims were together in the INA. India was at the forefront of the fight for women rights," she said.

Meanwhile, speaking on Netaji, she said that he was disappointed with the opposition he faced from Mahatma Gandhi, as well as his meeting with Adolf Hitler.

"He was not fully satisfied with the answers from Gandhiji regarding the destiny of India. Gandhiji opposed Netaji during his second election and sabotaged his work. He was disappointed by this. With the onset of the Second World War, he sketched a different plan. Netaji believed in socialist ideas and sought the Soviet Union's support first. Fascist Germany had racist policies. Though Indians were considered a backward race by Hitler, the Indian Independence struggle potentially helped fight England from within. Netaji had sought Hitler's help, but meeting Hitler was rather disappointing," she said.

She also said that though there are several reports submitted regarding his death, people should accept that he passed away on August 18, 1945. "By now, 11 reports have been submitted regarding his death. Except the Mukherjee report, all others have concluded his death. The Mukherjee report contains many mistakes. We have to accept his death, but he is alive in the hearts of countrymen," she concluded.

Expert behind first India Antarctic base is ISC fellow

ENS @ Bengaluru

PADMA Shri awardee and president of the Bengaluru-based Geological Society of India, **Dr Harsh K Gupta**, has been appointed as a fellow of the International Science Council (ISC).

Dr Gupta was instrumental in setting up the first permanent Indian station, Dakshin Gangotri, in Antarctica, as he led the third Indian Scientific Expedition to thew icy continent. He also headed the team that set up the Indian Tsunami Warning System in 2006. Dr Gupta has been vital in the understanding of earthquakes, especially in areas around the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. His findings have been documented in over 200 research and scientific papers in both national and international journals.

The ISC is the only international non-governmental organisation that brings together prominent members of different natural sciences and social sciences around the world. The council announced the appointment of several fellows in June 2022, and an additional 57 fellows in December 2022, one of whom is Dr Gupta. Of the 57 fellows appointed in December, Dr Gupta was the only ISC Fellow appointed from India.

The renowned earth scientist was elected to the highest honour of the ISC for his contributions towards promoting science 'as a global public good' last year. Dr Gupta was awarded the Padma Shri in 2006, having previously been awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology in 1983, the highest award in India under the science and technology category.

STARTING THE YEAR WITH A PRAYER

Cars make a beeline to the Isha Yoga Centre near Chikkaballapur, as part of New Year celebrations on Sunday | EXPRESS

Looking forward to a mentally healthy year

FOR centuries, mental health was ignored and stigmatised. People believed that a person goes "mad" due to his past karma, they feared that every individual with mental illness is a potential murderer and they preferred to lock up such people in mental asylums. Most citizens believed that there are only two categories of humans: We the "normal" ones, and "they" the insane or lunatics. Even those suffering from minor issues like depression were looked down upon as lazy, incompetent or pretentious.

In reality, mental health is a continuum as is physical health. Anyone can be in a state of mind that fluctuates between wellness and illness, as it happens in physical health. The fact is that mental health is not only as important as physical health, in some ways it is more important than physical well-being. An individual can face physical pain if his mind is strong, but not the other way around.

DR ALI KHWAJA, Counsellor and trainer, Chairman of Banjara Academy

Thankfully, in the past few years, there has been marked progress in handling mental health issues. For seriously ill patients, psychiatric medication has evolved significantly and many can be completely cured, while others can be kept on 'maintenance dose' to function normally in society. Less serious problems are being dealt with effectively by psychologists, counsellors and psychiatrists.

For all the trauma it caused, Covid helped in improving awareness of issues dealing with social-emotional and mental health. Today, as we have entered the New Year, we are far better equipped than earlier to deal with such issues successfully. It is estimated that 1-2% of adults suffer from major mental illnesses like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or dementia, and much greater numbers have challenges such as personality disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder etc. All these have become eminently treatable, provided the person is taken for treatment at an early stage.

Perhaps the most common challenge of mental health is depression. It is the mental equivalent of fever which also has a wide range. It can range from mild low feelings for a few days to severe sustained symptoms that may make a person dysfunctional. If a person is willing to acknowledge that he is going through depression, and is willing to undergo therapy, there are simple ways of overcoming through a combination of medical and psychological treatment.

The greatest development worth celebrating is that in the recent past there has been a wider acceptance, even support, from people around to any person who is going through circumstances that may pull down his mental health. The understanding and encouragement of even a few near and dear plays a significant role in the process of recovery and moving ahead.

Good progress has been made in areas of caste rigidity, openness to diversity, even acceptance of LGBTQIA+, and efforts towards better family dynamics. Though certain mental health issues are bound to arise in modern, and particularly urban, lifestyle, they are being handled significantly better than earlier. However, the need of the hour is to strengthen social support, further improve acceptance through continuous awareness activities, and ensure that whenever there is a threat, it is dealt with at the earliest.

The challenges that people are facing in the twenty-first century include reduction in size of families, living away from loved ones, easy availability of alcohol and drugs, high-stress jobs, intense competition, inability to delay gratification, children asserting their rights and independence, and strain in marital relationships. The good news is that all these can be tackled effectively now.

Prevention is better than cure. Learning how to handle stress with least distress, respecting the individuality of your near and dear ones, becoming aware of issues such as short-temper, and slowing down the pace of life can go a long way in maintaining good mental health. As the old proverb goes: "Stop now and then to smell the flowers."

As we do for our physical health, identifying who we need to consult if a mental health issue crops up, can ensure timely help. Being considerate and caring for neighbours, relatives, colleagues and friends can lead to timely prevention and preservation of mental health.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02ND January : Let's talk about taking holidays on the Moon! It's hard to believe that thirty years ago it was predicted that by now we'd be taking our leisure time on our nearest celestial neighbour. So what went wrong? Perhaps just that after the immense effort leading up to the manned landings, we all lost interest! Perhaps familiarity destroyed the mystery.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You will have to make a leap of the imagination if you are to understand the way somebody else feels about a current situation, and just how undecided they really are. Tolerance must now be your most important virtue, and if you manage to see a partner's point of view, then you'll win respect.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There are some profoundly favourable influences today, but they happen to be extremely subtle. It's all a matter of being very smart and alert to the slightest passing opportunity. It goes without saying that you should push yourself to the front of the queue.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mars' fascinating alignments are opening opportunities and presenting you with a number of awkward choices. It would be wrong to say don't take risks but, if you do, make sure you're prepared for the outcome. Remember, if you're in control then you'll be better placed to get the best.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your financial situation is undoubtedly extremely complicated, but this doesn't mean to say it's all bad. It's just that outgoings look set to exceed earnings, perhaps because old commitments are about to return to haunt you. Maybe a loved one can help.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
For some inexplicable reason the past seems to hold a greater fascination for you than the present. The most difficult choices should now be over, though, and you may even be able to get away with sticking your head in the sand! Other people might still insist that you have to face up to awkward decisions, but that doesn't mean that they're right.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There'll be moments when a secretive mood takes you over. In love, you're still tempted to shut yourself away with romantic partners and let the world pass you by. However, do bear in mind that any secrets will be revealed soon, so keep everything above aboard.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The Moon is sailing gracefully through your chart today, which means that while you should be more in control of routine situations, your emotions will be heightened. You should therefore be very careful not to misunderstand perfectly innocent remarks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Discretion is an absolute necessity today, but then that's something you're very good at. Professional complications have been getting you down, but you should do well out of new personal contacts. You'll soon have to decide whether to pursue a family rivalry, or call it quits for now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It's always important to link up with like-minded people, and never more so than now. You're about to experience a change in your emotional cycle, one which is going to lower your expectations, and hence make you much easier to please! The results should be to your liking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Now is the time to redouble your efforts, complete routine tasks and get on top of everything that's been holding you back. Even an emotional mountain which once seemed impossible to scale will suddenly appear much easier to tackle. So what's changed? Perhaps it's you!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Take heart from all and any moral support which comes your way, and be sure to fight for your rights. It's not a matter of sticking to the letter of the law, but of trying to make other people see the spirit. It's all about the need for justice and fairness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There's plenty of time for hard work, but any strain will be caused by the tension between former hopes and future commitments. Do yourself a favour and pay your dues to the past. It could be that the best ways are the old ways: tradition has hidden virtues!

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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	2	4		1				

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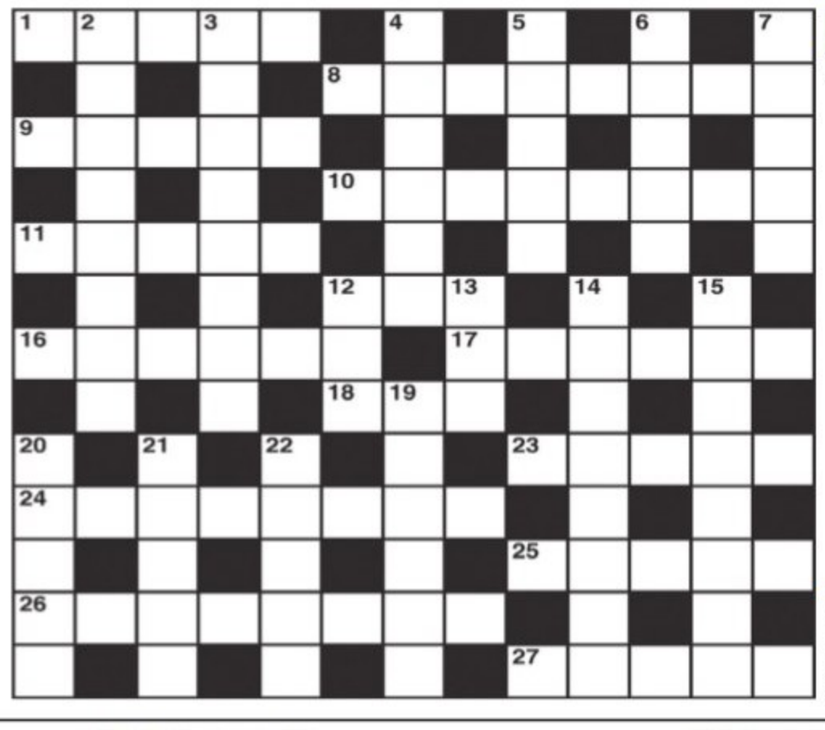
1	4	5	9	7	8	6	2	3
9	2	8	1	6	3	5	4	7

SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Part of a book gets Enid upset and cross (5)
8 Get a snack going through Dallas and Wichita (8)
9 It needs a driver to enter the wood (5)
10 Accompanying sketch is abstract (8)
11 Shout out to make a point (5)
12 Eat perhaps and drink (3)
16 Lawyers open with argument that carries weight (6)
17 Eleven pies put out for the fairies (6)
18 Be in the red - in yellow even (3)
23 Code is a bit shortened (5)
24 Found its target upsetting the women (4,4)
25 Ask when in doubt (5)
26 Wait on the patients but do them a bad turn? (5,3)
27 They may be strung up by the neck (5)

DOWN
2 A nickname is appropriate for him (8)
3 Having a choice makes them cross (8)
4 Married woman showing ill will (6)
5 State in which I had been uplifted with love (5)
6 Possibly fire youth leader with short temper (5)
7 Wrap around one's shoulders (5)
12 More than one is involved in project work (3)
13 It's somewhat cheaper not to be original (3)
14 It may be made in open court or in camera (8)
15 Blamed a number before having made certain (8)
19 Politician caught in cunning habit of a nun (6)
20 A cleansing operation partly under water (5)
21 A short musical overture (5)
22 Instrument of torture the Incas never had (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Administer, 6 Purr, 10 Ruler, 11 Buttercup, 12 On safari, 13 Vital, 15 Useless, 17 Stormed, 19 Bestrew, 21 Suffuse, 22 Relic, 24 Senorita, 27 Alchemist, 28 Macho, 29 Dish, 30 Choristers.

Down: 1 Awry, 2 Mallingers, 3 Norma, 4 Subways, 5 Entails, 7 Uncut, 8 Rope ladder, 9 Leave off, 14 Rubber band, 16 Earaches, 18 Moustache, 20 Waspish, 21 Senator, 23 Lacks, 25 Ramps, 26 Loss.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

COFER

ELFTE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: DOUSE STOMP WALNUT FROZEN
Answer: The tree had been in a container for more than a year, but could now — PUT DOWN ROOTS

A 21-year-old student from Bengaluru died in an accident and another was seriously injured after their bike rammed into a stationary tipper on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway in Maddur taluk on Sunday. Police said Baibhav Shaw (21) died on the spot while pillion Vijay Pahari (23) was seriously injured. Both were students of REVA University in Yelahanka in Bengaluru. The accident took place near Nidaghatta in Maddur taluk in Mandya district

Man tries to jump buildings, dies

Victim loses balance and falls from the fourth floor after a New Year party at friend's home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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NEW Year celebrations turned into a tragedy for a group of friends when one of them fell to his death while jumping from his friend's house to another another building. The incident happened in Kottigepalya in Kamakshipalya police station limits late Saturday night. The deceased has been identified as Chandrakant Patra (37), who was working in a bag manufacturing factory.

Police said Patra and his friends were living in rented houses in neighbouring buildings in Kottigepalya. On Saturday night, he and his friends went to the terrace on the fourth floor of his friend's house located next to his. They consumed alcohol till late in the night after which Patra wanted to go home. Instead of taking the stairs, he tried to jump to the adjacent building, but lost his balance and fell between the two buildings. He died on the spot.

The Kamakshipalya police have registered an unnatural death case in this connection.

Man stabbed by friend

A man was stabbed by his friend in a drunken brawl during New Year celebrations in Peenya police station limits on Saturday night. Prashanth A has been injured and the police have arrested his friend, Prashanth. Police said the victim had gone to his friend's house in Peenya 4th Block on Saturday night and they both consumed alcohol. There was an argument between the friends and the accused took a knife and stabbed his friend. The Peenya police have registered an attempt-to-murder case.

TWO KILLED IN HIT-AND-RUN CASE

Bengaluru: In a hit-and-run case, two youths, who were going on the way to buy a cake to celebrate New Year, died after a speeding lorry hit their two-wheeler in Chikpet traffic police station limits early Sunday early morning. The deceased have been identified as Devaraj (21) and Devendrappa (19), who hailed from Yadgir. They were working at an under-construction building near Hosakerehalli and were living in a shed at the construction site. Police said the duo was going on a bike towards City Market to buy a cake to celebrate New Year around 5 am on Sunday. While passing near Gopalan Mall on Mysuru Road, a speeding lorry hit their bike from the rear and sped away. "Both sustained serious injuries and were rushed to a hospital, but Devaraj died on the way. Devendrappa succumbed to injuries in the afternoon. We have taken up a case and efforts are on to trace the lorry and the driver," the Chikpet traffic police said. **ENS**

4 TN youth die as car rams into bus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Baleguli (Uttara Kannada)

FOUR people from Tamil Nadu died after their car collided with a bus coming from the opposite direction at Baliguli Cross near Ankola on Sunday. They were returning to their hometown after their Goa trip.

Five people had been to Goa for the New Year celebration. Their speeding car collided head-on with the bus. The car, according to an eyewitness, was speeding in such a manner that it lost control and jumped the divider. The deceased have been identified as Arun Pandian, Nipul, Mohammed Bilal and Shekaran.

"I was nearby when I saw this car speeding. The driver lost control in such a manner that it jumped the divider and went on the other side of the four-lane road and collided head-on with the bus, which was going from Tadadi to Hubballi. The accident was so severe that three people were killed on the spot. I informed police," Darshan, an eyewitness, told *The New Indian Express*.

The mangled remains of the car that collided head-on with a bus at Baliguli Cross near Ankola on Sunday | EXPRESS

Another person Vijay Kumar, a villager, said that he had never seen such a gastly accident in his life.

"We shifted all the victims to the Ankola taluk hospital. But three had already died and one died en route to the hospital. One person was seriously injured and has been shifted to Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences (KrIMS)," he said. Senior police officers visited the spot. Ankola police have registered a case and an investigation is on.

KISS OF LIFE

Docs suggest CPR training for adults, kids

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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DOCTORS have advised people to learn how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), calling it an important first-aid measure which can save a person's life. They even said it should be made mandatory, and taught as a part of school curriculum.

Recently, at the IKEA store in Bengaluru, a shopper suffered a heart attack and fell unconscious. Luckily, an orthopaedic surgeon who was trained to perform CPR, was also shopping at the store. The doctor carried out CPR on the victim for over ten minutes, and was eventually able to revive him.

Health experts explained that with a change in lifestyle and poor eating habits, people have become more prone to having heart issues. Cardiovascular diseases are now considered to be the leading cause of death in India. Hence, as a precautionary measure, doctors and even citizens say that CPR training must become a part of the school curriculum.

Besides adults, children too must be trained to perform CPR as a part of social responsibility. A few doctors explained that CPR was extremely important during 'golden hour' – in case a person suffers from a heart stroke or even an attack, the initial 90 minutes are extremely crucial. If first aid is provided during this hour, the probability of a person getting saved increases.

A board urging visitors to maintain Covid Appropriate Behaviour, put up at a church in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

NY fest may lead to Covid spike: Doctors

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

WITH thousands of people gathering in large crowds to ring in the New Year in several parts of Bengaluru, doctors have raised concern over transmission of the Covid virus, as Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) was not being followed.

MG Road, Church Street, Brigade Road, Indiranagar, Koramangala and other hubs were full of people, especially during New Year's Eve, and not everyone was following Covid protocol, like wearing of masks or keeping social distance.

Doctors, terming the celebrations similar to pre-Covid times, voiced concern over public behaviour in pubs and indoor spaces, where chances of virus transmission is high. Dr Ravindra R, medical director, Suguna Hospital, said the celebrations will surely add to the Covid burden as chances of people carrying the virus and transmitting it has definitely increased with such large gatherings. In the next few days, the number of people showing Covid symptoms will increase.

In fact, mid-January, when Makar Sankranti is celebrated, is said to be the crucial period to decipher the Covid-19 situation in India, experts said.

With the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant having an incubation period of 5-10 days, there is a window till mid-January to establish if India will see another wave. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) chairman Dr MK Sudarshan explained that this period will make it clear if the number of hospital admissions is expected to rise. In case the daily positivity rate goes beyond 5 per cent, it will be a cause for concern, Dr Sudarshan said.

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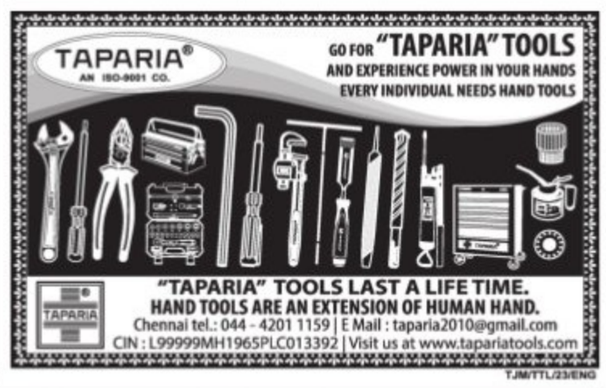

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
C. Mis No. 356/2022

BETWEEN: Sri. Muniraju .P and another ... **Petitioners**
AND: The Tahasildar, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Muniraju .P and another have filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Smt. Narayanamma W/o Late. Papanna** who died on 05-08-2008 at Andrhalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing on **04-02-2023** at 11-00 AM in C. Mis No. 356/2022.

Given under my hand & seal on this 31-12-2022.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioner: **C.D Ramachandra**
Office at RM Law Chambers, Ward No.15, Sampannappa Building, New Bustand down, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District.

IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Crl. Mis. 1154/2022

BETWEEN: 1) K.Nanda Gopal, S/o Late. P. Kannan, aged about 61 years, R/at No.1672/12, 18th Main, 41st Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041. **2) K.Jaya Kumar,** S/o Late. P. Kannan, aged about 56 years, R/at No.129, Mackan Road, Bharth Nagar, Bengaluru North, H.K.P. Road, Bengaluru-51. **3) Smt. K. Padma Bai,** C/o L.M. Dhanasekar, aged about 53 years, R/at No.107, 1st Left Cross Street, Shri Rajeshwari Nagar, Puliyanthangal Yeri Kodi, Velloru-632406, Tamil Nadu. ... **Petitioners**

AND: The Taluk Officer/ Thalsidhar, Registrar of Births & Deaths BBMP, Bengaluru ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition U/s 13(3) of the birth and death acts seeking direction to The Commissioner registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru, to Register the death of the deceased she is mother of the petitioners by name **K. DAIVANI, W/o LATE. P. KANNAN** who She is died on 22/04/2021, at Best E City Hospital, Sy.No.47/13, Srinivas Complex, Velankani To Patalamma Temple Road, Doddathogur, Electronic City, Bengaluru. If Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate Court in Crl.Mis. No.1154/2022 either personally or through an advocate duly instructed on **24-02-2023** at 11.00a.m otherwise the matter will be heard and decided as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court dated this 29-12-2022.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrarte, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. RADHAKRISHNAN.S,** S/o. Late. K. Subramanyam, is indented to purchase from its owner's (a).**Smt. SUNANDAMMA,** W/o. Late. Shankaracharyy.V, (b). **Sri. V. S. MURALI,** S/o. Late. Shankaracharyy.V (c). **Sri. V.S. MANJUNATH,** S/o. Late. Shankaracharyy.V, all are **R/at:** No.200, 14th Main, Nagendra Block, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560050

Any person(s) having claim over the schedule property may lodge objections or claim in writing with all supporting documentary evidence (authenticated) with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 days from this hereof, Failing which my Client will proceed to purchase schedule property. Any objections/claim received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable of Residential Property bearing **No.524, Present** BBMP Khata **No.524,** carved out of Sy. No.45 and Sy.No.47 of Jakkasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Now Property comes under the Revenue Jurisdiction of BBMP Present Khata No.524, Ward No.173 (Jakkasandra) Bangalore, Located at Kendra Upadhyayara Sangha, Venkatapura, Madiwala 1st Stage, (Teacher Colony) Extension, 1st Main Bangalore, having PID No.66-190-524, consisting residential Building Standing thereon and bounded on the:

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North by : Site No.525;
South by : Site No.523;

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Rc.No.012664/PUR-II/2022 **NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER** Date. 30.12.2022

1	Name of the work	Supply and delivery of **13.42 Lakhs** of **Geometry Boxes** for School students in Tamil Nadu for the year 2023-24.
2	Sale period of Tender Document	On all working days from **02.01.2023** to **19.01.2023** between **10.00 a.m.** and **05.45 p.m.**
3	Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender	**20.01.2023** up to **11 a.m**
4	Pre Bid meeting date & time, place	**12.01.2023** at **11.30 a.m** at Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai-6
5	Tender opening time & date	**20.01.2023** at **11.30 a.m** in Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai-6
6	Details of websites address from which Tender documents can be downloaded free of cost.	**a) http://www.textbookcorp.tn.gov.in** **b) http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

DIPR/ 5885 /TENDER/2022

Managing Director,
Tender Inviting Authority,Tamilnadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai-6

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No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259
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Online Tender is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai - 600008, from Licensed **Drugs and Medicines** Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per revised Schedule-"M") issued by the Drug Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced in the field for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of **Essential Drugs and Medicines** to TNMSC Ltd., under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	e-001/M(P)/ DRUG/TNMSC/ 2023, Dated. 02.01.2023	**02.01.2023** at **3.00 PM** to **20.01.2023** upto **3.00 PM**	**13.01.2023** at **9.00 AM** to **20.01.2023** upto **03.00 PM**	**20.01.2023** at **4.00 PM**

The Prebid meeting is to be held on **07.01.2023** at **11.30 AM** at the office of **TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.**

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **www.tntenders.gov.in.** The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in for reference purpose.**

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Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)

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AUCTION NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Under SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

WHEREAS

Sealed Offers/Tenders are invited from the public/intending bidders for purchase of below said immovable mortgaged properties on **"As is where is basis and as is what is basis"** which is now in the possession of the Authorised Officer of **Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.,** as per section 13 (4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : **Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.**
Registered Office : Mohan Terrace, 1st Floor, 64/72, Mody Street, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001
Central Office : Marutagiri, Plot No. 13/9A, Sonawala Road, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400063. (Tel : 6189 0088 / 6189 0134).
Branch at : "Shiva Sadan", Site No.4, 9th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 041

NAME & ADDRESS OF THE MORTGAGOR / BORROWERS	OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT	(i) PROPERTY DESCRIPTION & (ii) ENCUMBRANCES KNOWN TO THE BANK, (iii) RESERVE PRICE, (iv) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD) (v) DATE & TIME OF OPENING TENDER
(i) Mr.Prathima C.M, W/o.Mr.Byresha C (Principal Borrower) **(ii) Mr.Byresha C,** S/o.Mr.Chowdaiah (Joint/Co Borrower) Both are residing at: No.8, 4th Floor, No.9, 22nd Cross, 4th Main, Someshwara Layout, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore South-560 076	**Rs.40,13,532/-** due as on 04.12.2022 together with further interest @ contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses and less amounts repaid thereafter if any. (Under Loan A/c. No. 003433330000216).	(i) All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential House property bearing site No.192, Khatha No.192/65, situated at **Mylasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District,** presently within the limits of Doddathoguru Village Panchayath, measuring East to West : 40-00 feet and North to South : 30-00 feet , in all measuring 1200sq.ft together with RCC Roofed residential house constructed thereon owned by Mrs.Prathima C M and bounded by : **East : Road, West : Site No.202, North : Site No.193, South : Site No.191** (ii) NIL, (iii) Rs.33,00,000/- (iv) Rs.3,30,000/- & (v) 19.01.2023 at 1.00 PM

Terms & Conditions:

1. Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the Bank is not responsible for encumbrances on title if any, condition or any other fact affecting the property, unknown to the Bank. The property is being sold under "AS IS WHAT IS" with all the existing and future encumbrances / Society Dues / Builders dues / Property Tax / Utility Service provider outstanding dues etc. and same shall be borne by bidders whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be held responsible in any way for any third-party claims / rights / dues received after date of opening the bid. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property to his / her satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date. **2.** Charges for documentations, transfer fees with Revenue Department, Conveyance, Stamp Duty, statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity charges& other dues), Registration Charges with the Registrar of Assurances as applicable and other statutory dues if any as applicable under law, shall be borne by the purchaser and the purchaser should complete all the transfer formalities. **3.** The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT/REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the Tender Sale /Auction without giving any reason whatsoever or prior notice. **4.** The intending bidders may take inspection of the property on **09.01.2023** between **11.00 AM to 05.00PM** or any other date & time fixed with prior appointment of the Authorised Officer. **5.** The intending bidders may obtain the prescribed Tender forms from Chief Manager, Bharat Co Operative Bank (Mumbai)Ltd., No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027 and the intending bidders should submit their sealed bids/offers in the prescribed forms along with the KYC documents (PAN Card & Address Proof) together with the Pay Order/Demand Draft of EMD in a sealed envelope addresses to the Authorised Officer, Bharat Co Operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd at the above said address on or before **18.01.2023 at 05.00 PM** (Envelope containing the Bids/offer should superscribed as **"Bid for Residential House Property No.192"** **6.** Bidders present during the opening of the Tenders may participate in the Oral Bidding / Inter-se Bidding. The Authorised Officer of the Bank have discretion in the manner of conduct of sale including decision with regard to inter-se bidding / negotiations amongst the bidders to realize highest sale value for the said property/ies. They are, therefore advised to remain present themselves or through their duly Authorised representative(s), who can take the decision for them. **7.** Mortgagor/borrower may bring prospective bidders/offers to realize good value and may also remain present while opening the offers on **19.01.2023** at aforesaid time. **8.** The successful bidders/offerers should deposit 25% of the bid amount (Including EMD) immediately on the day of auction or not later than next working day, as case may be, and balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of opening the tenders/and the same maybe extended for further period as per the provisions of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. **9.** If the successful bidders fail to pay the amount as aforesaid the deposited amount shall be stand for fieted **10.** In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Secured Creditor/Authorised Officer, the EMD amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest to the unsuccesfull bidders.

STATUTORY NOTICE UNDER RULE 8[6] OF THE SARFAESI ACT

This is also a notice to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagor of the above loan under Rule 8[6] of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 about holding of sale by inviting sealed tenders from the public in general for the sale of the secured assets on above mentioned date if his / their dues are not cleared in full.

Notice is hereby given to you to pay the sum as mentioned above before the date fixed for sale failing which the property will be sold and balance dues, if any will be recovered with interest and costs from you.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 02.01.2023

Sd/- Chief Manager and Authorised Officer, Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Kolar Division,
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e-tender Notification-K.W 4
Tender Notification
No.34/2022-23 Dt:28.12.2022

Tender is invited through e-Procurement for the road work in the limits of Kolar & Malur Taluk, Kolar District Public Works Department from the Registered Contractors under **H/A:5054- SH improvements & 5054-MDR improvements** Amount put to tender: **Min:Rs.158.09 Lakhs. Max: Rs.339.98 Lakhs.** EMD Amount: **Min:Rs.2.38 Lakhs Max: Rs.5.10 Lakhs.** Period for completion of work: **9-11 months.** Contractors may download the tender documents KW-4 from Karnataka State e-Procurement portal **(viz.,http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** Filled in tenders shall be uploaded **on or before 4.00 p.m. on 24.01.2023** through Karnataka State e-Procurement portal. Tender received will be opened **after 4.30 p.m. on 25.01.2023** in e-Procurement. Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact e-Procurement portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.

Note: Any changes in this Notification will be published in e-portal only.

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Former chief minister Veerappa Moily clarified that neither he nor his son Harsha will contest the elections this time. "Suitable party workers will be given tickets for the next Assembly elections and the Congress will get a clear majority," he said

WE FEEL LET DOWN: PANCHAMASALI SEER

Community leaders to hold meeting on January 5 to brainstorm on reservation decision

A file photo of Panchamsalis protesting in Bengaluru

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

HAS the Panchamsali reservation agitation abated? "Not really and we feel let down," said Panchamsali pontiff of Kudalasangama Mutt, Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swamiji. He said the community leaders will meet on January 5 and analyse the actual gains in reservation for the community after the government recently decided to accord them the quota under 2D category instead of 2A as demanded by them.

The swamiji had earlier said that Panchamasalis would be confused with the new categorisation and the government has given the entire reservation to Lingayats.

Former MLA and president of the Panchamsali Association, Vijayanand Kashappanavar, said, "It has been a real struggle for Panchamasalis. For the last two years, they have left their homes and mutts and agitated. Now it is not clear what is their share in reservation. The government did not give what we asked for. I have not said anything to welcome the government announcement so far."

The swamiji said, "Panchamasalis will gather for a state-level executive meeting in Belagavi and will take an appropriate decision on whether to accept this reservation or not."

Some Panchamsalis said, "We have been given the reservation after the backward classes commission studied the issue and submitted an interim report. But how were Vokkaligas given 2C reservation without the commissioning of any study and without any report? If there is any report, where is it?"

Kashappanavar said, "We had originally planned to meet on Monday, but because a senior Swamiji of the Bijapur Siddashri Mutt is unwell, we decided to hold it on January 5. All leaders, like Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, AV Patil and legal experts, like Dinesh Patil, will attend the meeting."

No injustice will be done to any community: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hubballi

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said everything will be crystal clear on the new reservation policy once the final order comes. "The government has already explained everything in its interim order and data will appear in the final report. After that, it will be discussed with the stakeholders. The government has accepted the interim report without causing any problems for the backward classes," Bommai said at his Hubballi residence on the sidelines of Janata Darshan.

"If needed, a clarification will be issued. Injustice will not be done to any community. The leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, while his party was in power, did not fulfil these demands. Since the incumbent government is doing everything it has become a problem for them," he said. Bommai slammed the Congress for finding faults in everything and said the ruling BJP government is not bothered about their comments as their way ahead is clear. Reacting to Congress leaders' allegation on the approved detailed project report for the Kalasa-Banduri project, he said the issue for which both the parties had fought had reached its logical end and the time has come now for them to start work."

Quota move will not ensure social justice: Moily

Mangaluru: Former chief minister Veerappa Moily on Sunday criticised the BJP government's decision to create new reservation categories, saying this was done by "violating the reservation norms" and will not ensure social justice. The latest decision by the state government will deny justice to all communities and break society, the Congress leader said at a press conference here. On Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement that the Congress and JDS are two sides of the same coin, Moily said, "Shah is someone who destroyed the Constitution and took down democratically elected governments in 12 states. The Congress does not talk about soft or hard Hindutva. Congress wants nationalism to grow and the country should become a place for all religions to live peacefully. But the BJP does not work for the nation's interest. Instead, it is killing the Constitution. Soon, the BJP will be taught a lesson," he said. To another query on reports of 'merger' of Karnataka Milk Federation with Gujarat's AMUL, Moily termed it an illogical decision. **ENS**

POLITICAL THEATER

No differences between BSY, BJP, says Vijayendra

Gadag: BJP state vice-president B Y Vijayendra on Sunday said former chief minister BS Yediyurappa is busy working to bring the party back to power and there are no differences between his father and party colleagues. "Yediyurappa is not being neglected in the party. He did not attend Home Minister Amit Shah's event as he had a pre-planned foreign tour. It is not true that there are differences between them," he said during a visit to Gadag. Such false reports are spread by the opposition, he said adding that Yediyurappa is not someone who plays backdoor politics. **ENS**

Anticipatory bail hearing in ex-min's wildlife case today

Davangere: The anticipatory bail application filed by former minister S S Mallikarjun, owner of Kalleshwara rice mill from were several wild animals were rescued recently, will be heard by the second additional district judge on Monday. Even though the FIR doesn't specifically mention Mallikarjun's name, it has the name of the fourth accused as the 'owner of Kalleshwara rice mill'. The divisional forest officer had issued notice to the former minister to appear before him for the investigation process, Mallikarjun's counsel Advocate Prakash Patil told TNIE. **ENS**

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Shah sets off Twitter spat, departs

It was a case of changing equations with the JDS for Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He shared the dais with JDS patriarch H D Deve Gowda in Mandya at the Mega dairy inauguration on Friday, where Gowda was all praise for Shah as cooperation minister. But later, at the BJP's meetings in Mandya and Bengaluru, Shah went full throttle, attacking JDS as a party that blackmails by winning 25-30 seats in every poll. He also termed the party an "ATM for the Gowda family". A hurt HD Kumaraswamy came down heavily on Twitter, terming Shah a liar. "@AmitShah You are a political chameleon! You're a reincarnation of Joseph Goebbels. You're disgraceful," he tweeted. Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan hit back at HDK, saying, "We have high regard for H D Deve Gowda for his seniority... Gowda's son HDK has made politics a business. How relevant is he for old Mysuru region..." This spat won't die down soon.

Kharge powwows with media

AICC president Mallikarjuna M Kharge, who was at the Press Club of Bengaluru (PCB) on New Year's eve to be conferred the 'Person of the Year' award, found himself spending an inordinately long time with the media fraternity. Courtesy: the award organisers 'deliberately' made him wait for the award, while ministers Murugesh Nirani and S T Somashekara were presented their special awards and bundled off as their boss Amit Shah was in town. A patient Kharge finally asked the organisers why he was made to wait, to which PCB president Sridhar R reasoned, "Since Khargeji will get busy as AICC president, we wanted him to spend more time with us." Kharge, a cool customer, obliged. Later, Justice V Gopala Gowda, conferring the award on Kharge, remarked that he even deserved the prime minister's post. Kharge had his own advice for scribes, "I am 81, you journalists should work to safeguard democracy in the country for future generations..."

NY celebrations in mid-field

Setting a strange precedent, Sudi Gram Panchayat of Gadag celebrated New Year by cutting a cake in the middle of a field with MNREGA daily wage workers. Strange, because villagers celebrate Ugadi as their New Year, and are not used to year-end festivities. The GP staff thought they would inspire the workers and went to the field with the cake. The workers, delighted with this novel celebration, prayed for health and prosperity, and sang songs as they feasted on cake.

Dharam Singh in dharam sankat

Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah is privy to a lot of information, especially when he was with JDS and that party had formed a coalition government in 2004 with Dharam Singh as chief minister. The government fell 20 months later due to differences between leaders of both parties. Remembering the former chief minister on his 86th birth anniversary, Siddaramaiah said JDS leaders HD Kumaraswamy and HD Revanna used to visit the chief minister's residence in the morning every day to get files signed, while party supremo HD Deve Gowda would put pressure by calling Dharam Singh over phone. A hapless Dharam Singh would heed their demands. "These leaders cheated the mild-mannered Dharam Singh," Siddaramaiah thundered.

NO QUESTION OF MERGING KMF, AMUL, CLARIFIES CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE state government on Sunday clarified that the 'Nandini' brand of the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) will always maintain its separate identity and there are no talks about its merger with Amul.

Hitting out at opposition leaders' claims of a merger, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said such talks are just imaginary as Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah had only spoken about cooperation between the two entities.

Shah had spoken with clarity and what he meant was that each one must cooperate and that does not mean a merger, the CM said.

Bommai said Shah had said there will be benefits if both of them worked together in some sectors. If Nandini or Amul is technically ahead, this expertise can be shared, and even there could be an exchange in administrative matters. The Union Minister's statement must not be misunderstood and politicised. "As the CM, I am saying that Nandini will be a separate identity forever," he said.

Cooperation Minister S T Somashekar added that Shah never spoke about a merger. In Bengaluru, the minister said KMF is a big institute with 15 milk unions and 26 lakh people associated with it.

The Centre has directed that every village must have a dairy unit in the next three years and new rules should be framed for cooperative societies and technology needs to be provided to them, Somashekar said. "The Centre will give 60% of the funds required for the software. All societies will have the same software and rules," he said. There is no proposal for merger, and it is just a Congress and JDS gimmick as elections are nearing, he added.

The opposition Congress and JDS have slammed Shah's suggestion and many people had taken to social media to criticise what they termed as a merger proposal.

MARK THE CALENDAR

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai releases the NSS calendar along with Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma (left) and Principal Secretary Shalini Rajneesh (right) in Bengaluru on Sunday. The CM had held a meeting with principal secretaries to wish them for the New Year | EXPRESS

Looking to meet CM, say quarry owners

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"I too am from BJP. We are trying to sort out the issue as soon as possible. We are seeking to meet Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai to work out a way. We are not happy with the strike, but we have been left with no option. They have imposed double the royalty amount, levies and other taxes on us which is unfair. This has not been done in any other state," he said. The strike has been going on since December 21.

BBMP Engineer-in-Chief BS Pralhad said, "As far as the air show is concerned, we are in charge of certain exit routes. There is not much construction work there." But sources in the BBMP confirmed that some major works, including the HAL underpass near Old Airport and other majojr projects, are getting delayed because of the strike.

Defence PRO Punita said she will get in touch with the authorities and revert on the issue.

Sources said some contractors, executing works across Bengaluru and other parts of the state, are getting the construction material from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. They are transporting it at odd hours to avoid detection. Losses from royalty and other taxes could be around Rs 10,000 crore to the state exchequer if the strike continues, the sources added.

BJP in fix as 2 groups suggest names for B'luru-Mys e-way

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

AFTER the recent 'credit' war over the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, the 119-km 10-lane road is in the news again with two groups in the BJP suggesting different names for it.

Even as Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha met and appealed to Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari to name the swanky road as Cauvery Expressway, veteran politician and former chief minister S M Krishna has now written to Gadkari and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to name the road after erstwhile Mysuru maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

Simha, in his letter sent two weeks back, had appealed to Gadkari to consider naming the expressway after the Cauvery, considering the emotion of people of the region for the river. "A majority of citizens, including historians, have urged me to impress upon the government to name it as 'Cauvery Expressway' in reverence to one of the holiest rivers which originates from the Brahmagiri Hills of the Western Ghats in Kodagu district, a part of my parliamentary constituency," Simha stated in his letter.

The letter sent by Krishna on Sunday to Gadkari and Bommai, said: "Making of the cultural ethos of modern Karnataka owes a debt to the efforts of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. As Maharaja of Mysore, he cultivated a humanistic vision of community coexistence that shaped Mysore's rich culture, heritage and customs for many centuries. The steps he undertook and the foresightedness in policies are etched in minds of people of Bengaluru and Mysuru. The achievement of a great personality like his should be remembered by future generations. So, I request to consider naming the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar."

The two different names suggested by the leaders of the same party have put the BJP in a fix, especially at a time when Gadkari is expected to fly down for inspection of the expressway.

K'TAKA's A&D SECTOR TO GAIN FROM INDIGENOUS PUSH

As we enter the New Year, the global Aerospace & Defence (A&D) industry is preoccupied with sorting out critical issues, mainly putting the supply chain in order. Even as the industry was looking forward to a return to normalcy after almost two years of uncertainties due to continuing Covid worries in some countries, and the Russia-Ukraine war earlier in 2022, we are now confronted yet again by the threat of the virus. This has the potential to delay the return to normal.

In 2023, the Indian A&D sector will thus have to look inwards for growth and new opportunities.

Atmanirbhar Opportunities

In a way, the stage has already been set, with the slew of steps taken by the Government of India in the recent past. This includes the Atmanirbhar Bharat focus that the Union Budget 2022-23 provides, with 68% of Defence expenditure earmarked for indigenous procurement and 25% of Defence R&D allocated to the private sector.

Karnataka, at the vanguard of India's A&D sector, accounting for 25% of the country's aircraft and space industry, 65% of aerospace-related exports and 70% of supplier base, stands to gain significantly from this.

The state has the advantage of public sector institutions like HAL, BEML, BHEL, GTRE, NAL, DRDO, ADA, ADE, ISRO, IISc etc., coupled with 2,000-odd MSMEs and aerospace component makers, certified and approved by global original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), and has the critical mass to make the most of the emerging opportunities in A&D.

ARAVIND MELLIGERI

It is significant that the government is committed to almost double defence production by 2025 and increase defence exports to Rs 25,000 crore by 2025. The key to realising this potential will be the ability of the private sector to work effectively with defence PSUs and participate in defence programmes more actively.

Having said that, competition for Karnataka is brewing in states like Telangana and Gujarat, which have laid out the red carpet for domestic and global aerospace companies, including OEMs.

New Space Opportunities

In many ways, 2022 was also a watershed year for the Indian space programme, with significant successes when the private sector also made its presence felt.

According to industry estimates, India accounted for 2.6% of the global space economy, which in 2020 totalled $440 billion and is projected to reach $600 billion by 2025, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6%. Fledgling though it is, according to some estimates, the Indian space industry has the potential to capture 9% of global market share by 2030.

While Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will clearly be the linchpin in this endeavour, the private sector will play a key role. It is heartening that an Indian space startup ecosystem came into its own in 2022.

Of an estimated 370-odd spacetech companies in the country, India boasts of over 100 startups, with almost 50% of them taking root in 2021. Significantly, the sector has started seeing the emergence of venture capital funding, which is an indicator of potential for innovation in the industry.

In a way, we have already started seeing breakthrough innovations by startups. The first private sector rocket took off on a test flight during the year, promising to cut satellite launch costs by up to 50%, compared to other companies. We also saw announcement of the first 3D printed single piece engine being created by an Indian startup.

Most spacetech demand in the coming years will be for satellite technologies driven by the almost insatiable demand for data, broadband services and voice communication. Not surprisingly, we are bound to see a lot more activity in downstream satellite applications in 2023 and beyond.

Bread and Butter Business

While these emerging opportunities will, in all probability, occupy headlines in 2023, the Indian A&D sector, particularly in Karnataka, will have to continue its focus on the bread-and-butter business in the global aerospace supply chain.

As global OEMs and Tier-1 players continue to battle supply chain issues, it is likely they will shift sourcing strategies for raw materials, parts and finished A&D goods supplies. Indian companies will have to pitch for more of this business.

At the same time, as aircraft manufacturers focus on investing in modern technologies to reduce operating costs and transition to a net zero industry, Indian companies will have to focus on Industry 4.0, smart factory technologies and advanced manufacturing techniques, such as 3D printing and robotics, to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

(The author is Chairman & CEO, Aequs, a diversified manufacturing platform with presence in aerospace, toys and consumer durable sectors. Aequs operates India's first private sector Aerospace SEZ at Belagavi, Karnataka)

A youth died in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu, after being bit by a Russell's viper. He was playing with the snake. His friend was also attacked by the snake and is undergoing treatment in hospital. Police said B Appu alias Manikandan (30), of Subrayalu Nagar in Cuddalore, was celebrating New Year's eve with his friends near his house

(From left) People help the injured after a stampede during an event attended by TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday | EXPRESS

Another stampede at Naidu event leaves 3 dead

Enraged women rush towards a counter over distribution of kits

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Guntur

THREE women died and some sustained severe injuries during a stampede at an event organised by Vuyyuru Foundation in which TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu took part on Sunday evening.

This comes close on the heels of the death of eight people during a roadshow of Naidu at Kandukur in Nellore district on December 28, 2022.

According to sources, TDP volunteers mobilised women in large numbers, who started gathering from 1pm. Volunteers had collected the details of the women and gave them tokens for distribution of kits. The event was scheduled to start at 3.30 pm, but Naidu reportedly arrived after 5pm, and addressed the gathering past 6 pm.

After Naidu left, the volunteers began distributing the kits for which 15 counters were set up. Within a few minutes of distributing, the women were asked by the organiser to return to their homes, and the kits would be delivered to their doorsteps. This enraged the women who had been waiting for hours, and they rushed towards counter 1, which resulted in a stampede, police said.

'TDP lured women with false hopes'

Blaming Naidu for the incident, Health Minister Vidadala Rajani said, "The TDP lured women with false hopes and failed them miserably. The TDP alone is responsible for this incident."

A woman, G Ramadevi (53), a resident of AT Agrahram, died on spot while another woman Ayesha (32), and another unidentified woman died while being shifted to the hospital. District Collector Venugopal Reddy, SP Arif Hafeez inspected the premises.

Women waiting for hours rushed towards the counter at once, the barricades set up for the queue were broken, and fell down on the women, Hafeez said, and clarified that security arrangements were adequate, which was under the supervision of Guntur East DSP Seetaramaiah. Meanwhile, the women, who attended the meeting, lashed out at the organisers for not taking measures for security. According to sources, it was known that TDP women volunteers were instructed to mobilize 30 women each for the meeting, which resulted in huge crowds.

Sources also said that initially, 30 distribution counters were planned but only 12 were arranged, which were close to each other.

Health Minister Vidadala Rajani along with YSRC leaders visited the injured at Guntur GGH and met the families of the deceased. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy expressed his shock over the incident and deaths in Guntur. Naidu has announced an ex-gratia relief of ₹5 lakh to the families of the deceased.

TRAGIC START

11 die in road accidents in Kerala

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FOR Kerala, 2023 began in a traumatic manner as 11 died in road accidents in various parts of the state. While three persons each died in Thiruvananthapuram and Pathanamthitta, another two died in Alappuzha. Idukki and Wayanad reported one death each in road accidents.

At least three victims met with accidents and died while returning from New Year celebrations.

It was a narrow escape for many passengers in a tourist bus, carrying students of Regional Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Tirur in Malappuram, fell into a gorge near Adimali, Idukki at 1:15am on Sunday. A 20-year-old student lost his life while 44 others including the crew of the bus were injured. The deceased is Milhaj, a native of Tirur.

The students had been on tour since December 30, and the accident took place while they were returning from an excursion when the bus was taking a hairpin turn at Muniyara near Thingalkad on the Kallarkutti-Mayiladumpara route. The injured were admitted to the Adimali taluk hospital and Kolencherry Medical College hospital, officials said.

In Alappuzha, two persons were killed when a police jeep rammed their two-wheeler at South Aryad on Sunday at around 3:30am. The deceased - Justin Edward, 39, and his cousin brother Alex, 20, of Kumarakom in Kottayam - were returning after celebrating new year at Alappuzha beach. After hitting the two-wheeler, the police jeep, which is the official vehicle of the Deputy Superintendent of Police (District Crime Records Bureau), crashed into the compound wall of a nearby house. The driver was alone in the jeep when the accident happened, police said, adding that they suspect the mishap happened as the driver might have dozed off.

Two persons died in separate accidents in Kozhikode and Wayanad on Sunday.

Pathanamthitta district reported three deaths in two separate road accidents. In the first incident, two youths died when the bike they were riding on rammed a tanker truck in Tiruvalla on Sunday, while a 64-year-old man was killed when his two-wheeler hit an electric pole near Adoor on Sunday. In Thiruvananthapuram, an army man was killed in a road accident near Kilimanoor on Saturday night when his bike rammed a boundary wall after losing control.

GOLDEN SPARKS

Fireworks light up the sky in front of an illuminated Mysuru Palace to usher in the New Year on Sunday | UDAYASHANKARS

Bizman named five others in death note

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THE police have recovered the note Pradeep left and he has mentioned the names of six persons, including former minister Limbavali, holding them responsible for his death. "Pradeep has stated that he had invested Rs 1.5 crore in 2018 to start a pub in partnership with Gopi K and Somaiah K, who offered to pay him ₹4.5 lakh per month, but they did not. Because of that, he was in financial distress and had to sell his properties in Mysuru. He claims that he approached Limbavali, who asked him to take ₹90 lakh and forego the remaining amount which is around Rs 2.22 crore. He was paid Rs 90 lakh in instalments," the police said, adding that Limbavali's role in the incident needs to be looked into. When *TNIE* tried to contact Limbavali, he was not available for comment.

Pradeep has also named three others – G Ramesh Reddy, Jayaram Reddy and Raghava Bhat – in the note. "Pradeep has alleged that he had taken Rs 10 lakh loan from Ramesh Reddy and had returned Rs 35.56 lakh including interest but still Reddy continued to harass him over a personal matter. While Jayaram Reddy had filed a civil case against Pradeep's brother over a property dispute, Bhat had taken Rs 20 lakh from Pradeep but never returned," the police added.

EXPRESS READ

Air Marshal Radhish takes charge of IAF Training Command in B'luru

Bengaluru: Air Marshal Radhakrishnan Radhish assumed command of the Indian Air Force's Training Command in Bengaluru on Sunday. He succeeds Air Marshal Manavendra Singh, who superannuated after 40 years of distinguished service. The Air Marshal, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force in 1985. He has held numerous important appointments that include command of a fighter squadron, as well as two frontline air bases in the Eastern Sector. He has been an instructor at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington & Commandant of the College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad.

BRS expansion starts from AP, 3 leaders to join today

Hyderabad: The expansion plans of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will commence with the sibling Andhra Pradesh state. Three politicians from Andhra - Thota Chandrasekhar, a close aide of Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, former minister of AP Ravela Kishore Babu and a former IRS officer Ch Parthasarathi - are all set join BRS in the presence party president and CM K Chandrasekhar Rao at a meeting to be held Telangana Bhavan on Monday. Thota Chandrasekhar's name was tipped for AP state president of BRS.

CPM TO DEFEND SAJI'S RETURN LEGALLY

KS SREEJITH @ T'Puram

WITH the opposition Congress and Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan taking a tough stance against reinstating **Saji Cherian** into the LDF cabinet, the CPM is set to defend the Chengannur leader on legal grounds.

The Opposition led by Congress has decided to observe January 4, the date of the swearing in ceremony of Saji Cherian, as the black day. They are also questioning CPM's political morality and the chief minister for bringing him back ahead of the court's final verdict. Khan, on the other hand, has sought legal opinion, which has bolstered the opposition's stand, the CPM feels. The leaders are also wary of the confusion among party sympathisers and cadres that the situation could create.

However, the CPM leadership is of the opinion that since the high court has dismissed the plea of Saji's disqualification as an MLA, it makes for a good ground to be sworn in as minister. "The high court ruled he can remain a member of the Legislative Assembly," said a secretariat member to TNIE. "As a qualified MLA, he can also take an oath as a minister," he said.

CPM also pointed out that Saji has not been punished for the controversial speech, and the police report has also cleared him of charges. So, Saji, who is an MLA, neither punished nor disqualified can be a minister. The legal situation is in their favour, said CPM as the judiciary has not found him guilty. Apart from seeking legal opinion and creating confusion, the Raj Bhavan cannot do much to obstruct Saji's return. Khan will be back in Kerala on Monday, and is expected to inform the government about his convenience for swearing-in on January 4.

ONLY CM'S OPINION MATTERS, GOVERNOR TOLD

T'Puram: Kerala governor Arif Mohammed Khan, who had sought legal opinion on Saji Cherian's return to the cabinet, has reportedly been told that the CM's advice could not be disregarded as per the Constitution. Khan still has the option to seek more details on the MLA's appointment from the CM if required as it was Cherian's 'anti-Constitutional' remarks that led to his exit. Khan will take a final call on Cherian's reentry upon his return to state on Monday, sources said. Though the governor is bound to appoint a person to the cabinet on the CM's advice, the swearing-in date would be decided by the governor. **ENS**

School peon hacks teacher to death

Malkangiri: A Mathematics teacher of Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir in Malkangiri, town in Odisha was allegedly hacked to death by a peon of the school, marking a bloody beginning to the year on Sunday morning. The accused, Naresh Kshatriya surrendered before the Malkangiri Model police station after committing the offence. **ENS**

Gadag farmer gets record ₹70K/quintal for chilli

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

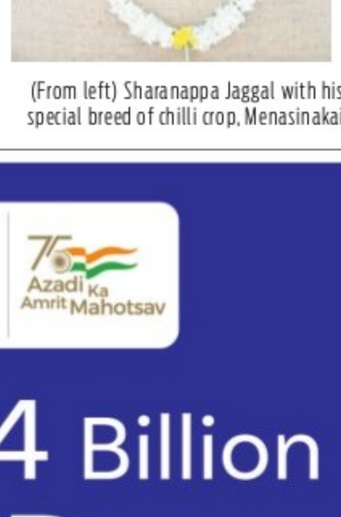
A farmer from Gadag district got a record price of Rs 70,199 per quintal of chilli on Saturday. Sharanappa Jaggal from Kotumachagi village hit instant viral fame for the record price for his produce and also the organic method he employed to grow the crop.

Sharanappa said he had grown Kashmir dabba breed of chilli and used only cow dung as manure. Normally, chilli prices hover around Rs 35,000-50,000 per quintal depending on the quality.

This breed of chilli is thick, long and high in oil content, attracting the high price. It is mainly used to make chilli powder and agents from Gadag, Hubballi and Haveri buy it for its better price and demand from other states. Earlier, the highest rate for a quintal of chilli was Rs 41,101 sold by a farmer in 2020. In November 2022, the market price was around 45,000, farmers said.

Sharanappa's chillies were bought by shop owner Ashok Gadad at the Gadag Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) market. Last week, Sharanappa sold 5 quintals of chilles at Hubballi APMC for Rs 59,000 per quintal. As he was striking the deal, Gadad came about, saw the crop and offered him the price. Sharanappa packed up the rest of his unsold produce, transported it to Gadag and sold it to Gadad. The shop owner said, "The price went up as most of the chilli crop has been destroyed because of incessant rain last year."

Sharanappa Jaggal said, "I have decided to use the money towards the education of my three children. This is a New Year gift to our family. We thank all who helped us and those who guided us to grow this special variety of chilli."



(From left) Sharanappa Jaggal with his chilli crop at the Gadag APMC market; A special breed of chilli crop, Menasinakai, at Kotumachagi village in Jaggal's field

EDITORIAL

Those who can imagine anything, can create the impossible — Alan Turing

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— Ramnath Goenka

RESUMING BUSINESS WITH NEPAL AFTER PRACHANDA POWER GRAB

When a kingmaker goes against the popular mandate and grabs the throne, as Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' did to become Nepal's new prime minister, it can only be called a vagary of democracy. Despite winning just 32 seats in the 275-member House of Representatives, Prachanda ejected from his pre-poll alliance led by outgoing PM Sher Bahadur Deuba's Nepali Congress, which is the single largest party with 89 seats, and parachuted into the camp of arch enemy K P Sharma Oli, whose party is the second largest in the House with 78 members. A former Maoist guerrilla who once led a bloody revolution that ended the monarchy, Prachanda is now adept at powerplay in his country's tryst with democracy as he has no ideological hangovers. No wonder he is seen as the ultimate opportunist who manages to be on the right side of power every time.

Alliance partners doing a deal to lead their government by rotation does not quite work in this part of the world, unlike, say, in Ireland, where Indian-origin Leo Varadkar became PM in a smooth transfer of power just a few weeks ago. Since Nepal's general elections threw up a hung Parliament, Deuba was forced to agree to Prachanda's demand for a rotational prime ministership but refused to let the latter have the first chance at leading the government. Parallelly, Deuba opened back-channel talks with Oli to explore a similar rotational pact to cut out Prachanda. When Machiavellian Prachanda got wind of it, he pulled off his rotational deal with Oli. Chinese persuasion for all Left-wing parties to come together acted as a catalyst. Incidentally, Oli had failed to honour his previous rotational arrangement with Prachanda a couple of years ago, which led to the latter toppling him and bringing Deuba to power.

As for India, it is understandably wary of the new government's trajectory as Oli is a pro-China hardliner who will do backseat driving. Since Prachanda was PM twice in the past, that experience should help him manage the pulls and pressures of office, as he will have to do a tightrope walk to balance Indian and Chinese interests. But since he is not as ideologically driven as Oli, India could perhaps do business with him while being watchful of China's dirty games. Nepal, anyway, isn't as big a challenge as the Taliban-led Afghanistan, where India has already resumed humanitarian and development work.

BANKS BEAR BRUNT OF IBC'S QUICK RESOLUTIONS

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) was expected to vastly improve recovery for banks and reduce the time taken to resolve default cases. Six years later, the government and regulators have shifted the goalposts. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India in its Financial Stability Report said that recovery through resolutions should not be compared with claims submitted by banks. Instead, they should be compared with the liquidation value of the company undergoing resolution. This after recoveries from resolution processes through IBC have fallen drastically to 30.7% (as of September 30, 2022). Before IBC came into force, average recoveries were 26% and the time taken for resolution was four years. The banking and insolvency regulators, which once hailed the IBC as the biggest reform (bigger than GST) of our times, are now finding it difficult to explain the massive haircuts banks are taking to resolve cases of NPAs through the IBC. With an average recovery rate of 30%, banks lose 70% of the debt given to these companies. This is not the pretty picture one had expected when IBC was implemented.

The pace of resolution has indeed increased, with the average time taken for resolution coming down from four years to 561 days. But early resolutions have come at a cost. In many cases, banks have taken haircuts of 90–95%. In many cases where financial or operational creditors have raised their voices against such low recoveries, courts and tribunals have silenced them, saying they cannot question the "commercial wisdom" of the committee of financial creditors. But there is a sense of unease among many stakeholders—so much so that a Parliamentary finance committee even floated the idea of a 'threshold' for a haircut. The idea of a threshold below which banks can't take haircuts is not the most rational solution, but it shows that the concern over low recovery rates under IBC is very palpable.

Resolution through IBC has seen many success stories in the form of the turnaround of companies like Essar Steel, Monnet Ispat, Alok Industries, DHFL, etc. Still, banks have lost lakhs of crores in the transition of these companies. And with the latest narrative—recoveries should be judged vis-à-vis liquidation value—it seems the authorities have convinced themselves they cannot expect better results from IBC.

QUICK TAKE

INTEGRATING AI-TECH AND DEFENCE

The government expects Artificial Intelligence to continue driving defence tech in 2023. Current assessments include analysing how startups and private companies have responded to the recent opening up of defence-related R&D. A report card on the progress of research into emerging technology at the army's MP-based AI Centre can tell us about the ease and status of tech assimilation in the services. Along with autonomous hardware, the new thrust must be on AI-based tools to lighten soldiers' loads and collect intelligence remotely and driving-assistance software. Challenges at India's land and maritime borders demand software to aid tough-terrain and undersea patrolling.

The court is not fault-free. Its collegium system should be replaced by a more democratised system

REFORM THE COURT WHILE PROTECTING IT

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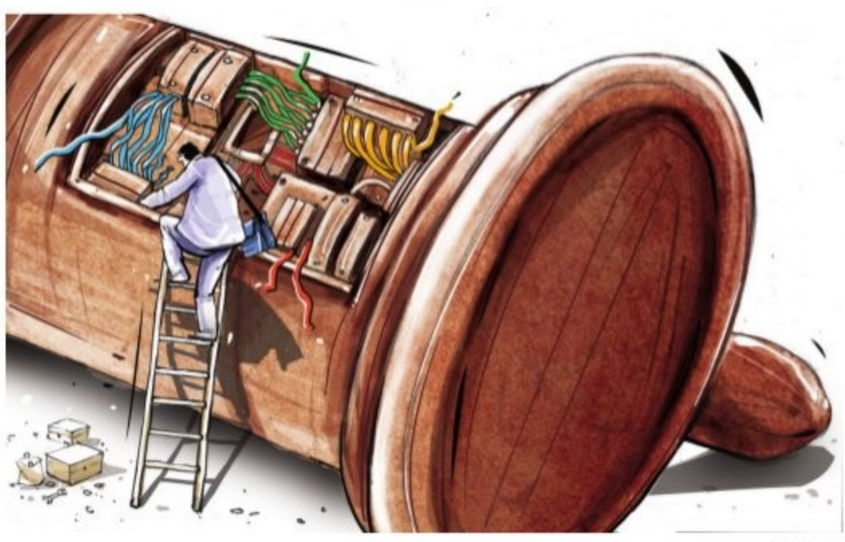

SOURAV ROY

American jurist Alexander Hamilton described the judiciary as the least dangerous branch of the State. It does not have the 'purse' or the 'sword'. It is heavily dependent upon the executive and the legislature, even for its subsistence. Yet, it must carry out a countermajoritarian function in a Constitutional democracy. This dialectic poses serious issues relating to the independence of the judiciary, which is an idea, a rhetoric or sometimes, a wishful thinking.

There is, however, an opposite view, at least about the Indian Supreme Court. Many take it as the world's most powerful Supreme Court. Its power to exercise judicial review of the executive action and inaction is phenomenal. Its authority to strike down a law when it is not in tune with the Constitution is equally formidable.

The court, as an institution, is not static. It has a democratic metabolism which is contextual, contingent, and transitional. Its response towards the majoritarian assertion, within the limits of the Constitution, decides the course of democracy in critical times. The court plays a vital role in presenting the checks and balances between the conventional wings of democracy and their institutions. The primary purpose of the Constitution is to limit arbitrariness and abuse of authority. Since the executive runs the risk of concentration of power, a judicial check on it is a Constitutional imperative.

In recent times, the Centre's criticism of the judiciary has been on varied topics—ranging from the collegium system to court vacations. Chief Justice Chandrachud's remarks on the apex court's duty to protect individual liberty, and the stern posture taken by the Justice Joseph-led Constitution Bench during the hearing on the appointments to the Election Commission, have had the effect of further provoking the political executive. These are, to my mind, timely judicial assertions which were made correctly and appropriately.

There is a feeling that the fissure between the executive and the judiciary is bad or unhealthy. It need not be so. One should bother more about situations when they go hand in glove, negating the ideas like division of power and judicial independence. Article 50 of the Constitution specifically mentions that the State should take steps "to separate the judiciary from the executive in the public services of the State". The fusion between the two wings was found antithetical to our Constitutional scheme. This separation intends to have occasional frictions between the elected wing and the countermajoritarian wing. Therefore, the present tussle is indicative of the vibrance of Indian democracy, which is otherwise sick.

The judiciary–executive tussle in India has a long history. Use of law-making power against judicial assertions started with the very first amendment to the Constitution. The majoritarianism started with Nehru, flourished during the time of Indira Gandhi, and the executive aggrandisation in India reached its peak during the National Emergency. That created a "committed judiciary" which precisely meant annihilation of a free judiciary. Today as well, there are executive courts and executive's courts, as lawyer Gautam Bhatia rightly called them. One finds them when hearings in the most significant cases were deferred unjustifiably or when the court simply abetted executive highhandedness as it happened while cancelling the bail granted to scholar G N Saibaba. Instances of the judiciary acting against the Constitution manifested when the court upheld the exclusion of the poor Dalits from the ambit of the quota for the economically backward sections, while upholding the 103rd Constitutional Amendment. Again, the court's endorsement to the draconian provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act was horrific. Significant matters ranging from Kashmir to demonetisation were not heard in time because of which the beneficiary of the delay, the executive of the day, could tell the court that those are now mere academic matters.

But, as Justice Krishna Iyer said in a different context, the court is people in judicial power. People vary, and the philosophies and the approaches also vary. The Supreme Court acted against the executive in freeing activist Teesta Setalvad. It exposed the egregious silence of the Centre in the Pegasus episode. It came down against the archaic and oppressive sedition law. It acted against the executive lethargy during Covid-19 and persuaded the government to rewrite its vaccine policy. Thus, the Indian judiciary has a mixed track record by the end of 2022. Its journey to 2023 is promising in as much as it engages in critical dialogue with the nation's polity.

The court is not fault-free. Its collegium system in the present form requires to be replaced by a more democratised system. At least its own prescriptions for a *Glasnost* and *Perestroika* as indicated in the *Fourth Judges Case* should happen. The kind of homo-social morphing where the selector judge selects his own images for the Bench, as it often occurs, is terrible and unacceptable. The judiciary needs to introspect and make fundamental changes in the process of selection by accepting the criticism. One may recall that suggestions for reforming the system leading to about 15,000 pages reached the Supreme Court in the *Fourth Judges Case*, which it simply ignored.

The judiciary faces threats from within as well. The fifth column that perpetuates the legal plutocracy, sycophancy and feudalism within the system is in no way better than the propagandist majoritarianism outside. The hierarchy in the legal system, starting with the unfair classification of lawyers, needs to be abolished to regain judicial democracy. The courts, including the Supreme Court, should not be the privilege of the rich.

Yet, the concerted effort to tarnish the judiciary, that too by elected representatives, ministers and others in high offices, does not look fine. A political agenda to defame, discredit and belittle the judiciary reflects an ideological strategy. It happens in continuation with the destabilisation of the other institutions ranging from the Cabinet to the Election Commission. It happens even by accusing the judges of availing vacation though they work hard even during the holidays, by doing research and writing judgments. It happens as the ruling party conveniently ignores its Constitutional role in governance. This is yet another instance of 'deconstitutionalisation' of our polity. This needs to be resisted democratically, politically, and constitutionally.

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A TALE OF DEVOTION TO REMEMBER FOR THE AGES

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

A very Happy New Year to you all. I would like to start the year by retelling a fascinating story, the legend of Mahakavi Kalidasa. We are taught to consider Kalidasa the finest Sanskrit playwright and poet, and this is a story that we would have probably heard in Class Eight or so if our school had taught us Sanskrit. But since it's likely that many didn't or wouldn't, we could catch up with this uniquely Indian story now. In passing, I should say that my schools did not teach Sanskrit either. They were very Westernised, which is useful out in the larger world but leaves you trapped in the English language with a big, empty hole in your heart. Whereas, is it not the right of every Indian to know our own stories?

To resume, the legend of Kalidasa is the true stuff of literary romance. He is said to have lived in the fourth century CE in the holy city of Ujjain, a seat of learning and the site of the prime meridian of the ancient world. So we can say that time began in Ujjain. The Ujjain *panchangam* or calendar is still calculated to the tick of the dot and determines the course of millions of lives, their fasts, feasts and festivals. While we don't really know Kalidasa's history, his works remain a reality. Goddess Parvati is held to be the turning point in his life and he repaid her magnificently with his work *Kumarasambhavam*. She helped him save his marriage and he in turn retold the story of her wedding with divine inspiration, in divine language.

Kalidasa's original name is lost to us but the story goes that he was an illiterate local youth who was picked up and married through a palace intrigue to the princess Vidyottama of Ujjain. Her name means 'foremost among the learned' and she was said to be so clever that some cunning courtiers were afraid of her and plotted to bring her down in case she became queen one day. After the wedding, the princess was terribly shocked to discover her husband's complete lack of learning. He couldn't even write his own name. The princess, who worshipped Goddess Parvati with total faith, now prayed desperately to her to save her from this shame and misery. She told her illiterate husband to pray to the goddess to help him get an education.

He went weeping to a temple nearby where Parvati was worshipped as Ma Kali, and spoke to her with such honesty and in such an earnest, funny way that she found him amusing. She took pity on him, and on the poor princess whose dignity was now so shatteringly at stake, and blessed him with instant wit, learning, and poetic skill. His mind suddenly lit up with wise, beautiful thoughts, with words and rhymes, with meters and metaphors. Some narratives say that she asked him to put out his tongue and wrote 'Om' on it with the tip of her trident. It is like the story of Arunagirinathar in 15th century Tamil Nadu who was similarly blessed by Murugan and composed the complex, powerful poem *Mutthai tharu* among other verses.

File picture

> Kalidasa spoke to Ma Kali with such honesty and in such an earnest, funny way that she found him amusing. She took pity on him

Meanwhile, encouraged by Kali, the newly literate poet went back bravely to the princess and told her that the goddess had blessed him, and that he wished to be called 'Kalidasa', the devotee of Ma Kali. To test him, the princess asked him a question in Sanskrit, *"Asti kaschid vaagvishehah?"* literally meaning, "Is there something unique to speech?" What she meant was "Have you anything special to say?"

Kalidasa smiled sunnily and told her to give him time to answer. He went to live near the Kali temple and wrote steadily every day, in between his prayers to the Divine Mother.

What I read is that his epic poem *Kumarasambhavam*, about the wedding of Shiva and Parvati, begins with the word 'asti'. Another epic poem, *Raghuvamsham* or 'The Lineage of Sri Rama', begins with the word 'vaak'. The word 'kaschid' occurs in the first stanza of *Meghadootam* or 'The Cloud Messenger'—the lyric poem that vividly describes the beauty of the Indian landscape. Ujjain is the jewel in its crown, dedicated to Lord Shiva as Mahakaleshwar.

So Kalidasa arrived illiterate and came back as a great poet. I think it's safe to say that he and Vidyottama lived happily ever after, don't you? Maybe it was her question that inspired him to describe Shiva and Parvati as inseparable as 'vaak' and 'arth', as word and meaning. He wrote three plays and four long epic poems in Sanskrit.

The play that most of us have heard of is probably *Abhignyana Shakuntalam* or 'The Recognition of Shakuntala'. It went West in a big way in the colonial period because of the British scholar Sir William Jones. He published his translation in 1789, which was a romance of discovery in itself. Quite by chance, his Indian clerk hesitantly showed him a crumbling document of the play. It was praised by the poet Goethe in a famous verse, and Thomas Jefferson owned a copy. The composer Schubert wrote an unfinished opera called *Shakuntala*.

'Shakuntala' means 'sheltered by birds'. When Baby Shakuntala was abandoned by her parents, the seer Vishwamitra and the *apsara* Menaka, she was left exposed to the weather. Some *shakun* or birds took pity on her and spread their wings above her to shelter her from the sun. That is how her foster father Rishi Kanva found her and thereby named her 'Shakuntala'.

While many of us can't read Kalidasa's plays in the original Sanskrit, we can, however, possess a real piece of him if we look on YouTube for the poem *Shyamala Dandakam*, chanted by a number of Carnatic vocalists with fervour and devotion. Praising the Devi as the giver of knowledge, the poem begins with the words *"Manikya veenam upalalayantim"*. It is said to be Kalidasa's very first composition, a paean of thanks after the goddess blessed him with learning.

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A new identity for India

Prabhu Chawla's column *Ignore India, restore Bharat in 2023* (Jan 1) is a powerful one which highlights both the shortcomings and the solutions for this new year. He has made a strong case for the promotion of sports instead of the corporatisation of it. As Chawla puts it, after 75 years of Independence, the country has to become Bharat, thereby overcoming the colonial mentality.
M B Balasubramanyam, Bengaluru

End intolerance, hate in nation

Apropos of *Ignore India, restore Bharat in 2023* (Jan 1). Whether we remain as India or become Bharat in 2023, we need to end intolerance and hate at any cost as we can't afford to let the country slip into a battlefield, where the majority stands at one end and the minority at the other. In the name of becoming Bharat, we can ill-afford to give up the Nehruvian model which stands on the four pillars of democracy.
N Nagarajan, email

Courageous dissent

Apropos of *Ignore India, restore Bharat* in 2023 (Jan 1). Prabhu Chawla has daringly conveyed a strong message while subtly criticising the present establishment. I sincerely salute him for this courageous piece.
Syed Ali Taher Abedi, email

Opposition in disarray

Apropos of *Rahul finds massive anti-BJP undercurrent* (Jan 1). The need for the Opposition to "coordinate properly and go to the people with an alternative vision" to defeat the BJP in 2024 looks like a lofty idea but it cannot match the BJP's mission to transform India through *Sanatan Dharma*-based politics. The Opposition is still in disarray and it appears that a common agenda or a "vision" is currently out of reach.
K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Replacing Modi

Rahul's claim that the BJP will not win if the Opposition comes with a vision cannot be ruled out. The biggest obstacle is the lack of leaders in the Opposition who have a broad vision. Currently, there doesn't seem to be a leader who can replace Narendra Modi.
Jayakumar A V, Kochi

Ending the war

Apropos of Antony Blinken's quote in the *Quote Corner* of the Opinion page (Jan 1). The world knows very well that the US is an instigator in the war. The US seems to be engaged in a proxy war with Russia along with NATO and its EU allies. If the US withdraws its sanctions against Russia and stops supplying war equipment and materials to Ukraine, peace will be restored in the region.
Manoharan Muthuswamypillai, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Have a great 2023! May it be filled with hope, happiness and lots of success. May everyone be blessed with wonderful health.

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
We support this Jain community protest and the Jharkhand government must rescind the decision to declare 'Shri Sammed Shikharji' a tourist place

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
If on Jan 12, 2023 before the CJI court, the SG on behalf of the govt does not declare acceptance of Ram Setu as a national heritage monument, Modi will be known as namak *******

Agnipath training begins for IAF, Army recruits

First batches of Agniveer recruits camped at various installations of armed forces

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE youth selected for the Indian Army and Air Force under the new recruitment scheme Agnipath have reached their respective training centres and the training for those to join the Indian Air Force began on Sunday. The Air Force informed, "Training of the first batch of 'Agniveer Vayu' commenced at Airmen Training School (ATS) Belagavi from today." Air Marshal Manavendra Singh, Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Training Command, visited the school and addressed the newly recruited batch.

Also, the youth recruited from across the country to join the Army as soldiers after their training is completed have reported to various training centres. Army Chief General MK Pande had informed last week that their training today.

The Indian Navy has allowed women also to join training and 3,000 Agniveers commenced their training in November at the Sailor Training Establishment at INS Chilka in Odisha, of which 341 were women.

The beginning of this recruitment is significant for the Armed Forces as there has been no recruitment since three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agniveer Vayu Air Marshal Manvendra Singh addressing the recruits

SERVING ARMED FORCES

Under the Agnipath recruitment, soldiers will be recruited annually

The initial appointment is for four years

Around 25% of each batch of Agniveers will be enrolled in the regular cadre of the Armed forces

They would be required to serve an engagement period of 15 years

And, this is the first time trainees have been recruited under the new Human Resource scheme through a rigorous four-stage examination and filtering process as Agniveers will be undergoing a training period of around six months in the Army.

As reported earlier by TNIE under the new scheme the youth will be inducted into the Armed Forces initially for four years. Once the four year service is over all of them will leave and a re-induction process will be held to take in 25 percent from them to serve as permanent cadre of the forces. As per the government aim of the scheme is to make the military youthful. At present the soldiers join for a minimum of 15 years and they get pension while leaving.

Agnipath Scheme announced in June 2022 to recruit the Other Ranks (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen) initially created controversy regarding the future of the youth leaving the armed forces after their four year service. Government not only announced the package but also announced reservation for the Agniveers in jobs.

There will be 10 percent reservation for the Agniveers if they join the Indian Coast Guards, Central Armed Police Forces, Defence Public Centre Undertakings and defence civilian posts. There will be a financial package of around ₹11.71 lakh to be given to each of the recruits at the end of the four-year tenure from the 'Seva Nidhi Package', which will provide financial independence to the youths.

Army Chief pays New Year visit to LoC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIAN Army Chief General MK Pande began the New Year with a visit to meet the troops posted in the difficult areas of the Line of Control (LoC).

The Army said, "On the occasion of New Year 2023, General Manoj Pande, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) visited troops deployed at various locations in the High Altitude Area along the LoC in Kupwara Sector."

A large number of the soldiers serve in the high altitude areas at the LoC and Line of Actual Control.

During the visit COAS interacted with the troops and extended New Year wishes to all ranks and their families.

The difficult terrain and snowfalls in the areas make the conditions precarious for the soldiers.

In 2022 around 10 army soldiers lost their lives in an avalanche, of which three were killed in November in Jammu and Kashmir and seven were killed in Arunachal Pradesh in February.

POWER GAMES

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Election Mode

PM PLANS BIG CHANGES TO MAKE BJP BATTLE READY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a major revamp of the government and BJP at the end of the month-long inauspicious period of Kharmas, also known as Malmas, on January 15. The Prime Minister will take four major decisions at the beginning of the penultimate year of his second term – a reshuffling of the council of ministers, party rejig, presenting a popular budget and appointment of new Governors. Sources said the PM plans to prepare the BJP for the nine state assembly elections in 2023 and the Lok Sabha election in 2024. While the ministry and party reshuffle are expected in the first month, the gubernatorial changes will come next month along with the budget. They said four prominent ministers may be removed from the ministry and drafted for work as the Prime Minister feels that the party could do better with a few more efficient hands. Ministers are being rated not only on the basis of their performance but also on the grounds of their public conduct. A high-profile BJP leader, who has not done badly as a minister, has a sword hanging over his head for his frequent public spats. Among governors, Bhagat Singh Koshiyari of Maharashtra has already written to Union home minister Amit Shah reminding him of his desire to quit public life. Terms of Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi and the Meghalaya governor Satyapal Malik have also come to end. There are some governors who have not lived up to the party's expectations. They will be replaced. The budget will be an important instrument to show how the government plans to use public money for the good of the people. A slew of sops may be expected for the middle class from the budget. One of the steps being talked about is the increase in the basic exemption limit. The government has already extended the free ration scheme for 81.35 crore poor people under the National Food Security Act for one year. The Prime Minister is making sure to dot the i's and cross the t's before elections.

Raut backs Yatra, Rahul as leader of united Opposition

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AS Opposition parties are yet to get united for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Sanjay Raut threw his weight behind Congress leader Rahul Gandhi by heaping praises Bharat Jodo Yatra and evolving leadership of Rahul Gandhi in his weekly column Rokthok in Shiv Sena's party's mouthpiece *Saamana* on Sunday.

Sanjay Raut in his column said that when India is gripped by the narrow minded ruling people, Rahul Gandhi through his Bharat Jodi Yatra, so far travelled the 2,800 kilometer from Kanyakumari to Delhi. He said Rahul Gandhi's Yatrao will end in Kashmir.

He said the T-shirt of Rahul Gandhi's talk of the town. "In low temperature, Rahul Gandhi is seen wearing only a T -shirt and journalists also ask about the reason behind it," Rahul Gandhi in his reply said that rather than asking him, journalists and ruling party should ask the farmer and labour who are working in cold atmosphere without any proper woolen cloths.

He said that the Yatra has brought a new shine to the leadership of Rahul Gandhi's leadership. "The ruling party rather praising the Yatra and effort taken by Rahul Gandhi, they want to stop the Yatra for some or other reasons. We got the new avtar of Rahul Gandhi at the end of this year. This is the real gift to the nation. If this aura around Rahul Gandhi continues in 2023, then change in 2024 is definite," said Sanjay Raut.

The praise of Rahul Gandhi by Sanjay Raut added to the speculations that Rahul Gandhi can lead the Opposition and will be the next Prime Minister candidate of the united opposition as well.

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NRC cannot deliver demographic safeguards, delimitation can: Sarma

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday said the upcoming exercise for delimiting Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies would help safeguard the state's future for at least two decades.

"The notification issued by the year-end for delimitation is a breakthrough for Assam. We were unsuccessful in NRC (National Register of Citizens). We did not get a desired result through the Assam Accord. But through delimitation, we will be able to safeguard Assam's future for at least two decades," Sarma told journalists.

At the same time, he said delimitation would be a data-based non-political exercise. According to an Act of the Parliament, delimitation has to be done based on the Census of 2001. This is the mandate of the Act, he said.

"The policy of delimiting constituencies is based on population. The central government told us to control population. Some people controlled it but some did not. So, should population be the basis of delimitation? By this, you are actually giving premium to those who violated the (population) policy and punishing those who abided by it," the CM said.

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"When the next delimitation exercise will take place, the Parliament will definitely debate whether areas which did not abide by the policy of population control should be punished or rewarded. I feel this is a matter of national debate. In my view, population should not be a criterion in delimiting constituencies. There should be other criteria as well," Sarma insisted. Asked if there is population explosion in Assam, he said it could be known after the Census of 2021.

Ahead of delimitation, the state government had on Saturday remerged four new districts with those which were bifurcated to create them. A government notification had said the decision was made for "administrative expediency and in the interest of public service".

Sarma had said, "This decision is not permanent. This is for a transition phase for administrative reasons and in the interest of Assam keeping in mind its future."

But the opposition parties opposed it.

The Congress had said the CM demonstrated his "dictatorial" attitude. The party promised to restore the district status to the four places if voted to power in 2026. The Assam Jatiya Parishad had accused the state government of deceiving people. The party said the BJP government had created the four districts for votes.

On Tuesday, the Election Commission had announced its decision to initiate the delimitation exercise in Assam. The 2001 Census figures will be used for the purpose of readjustment of the constituencies.

Congress Jodo

RAHUL'S MESSAGE OF MOHABBAT FAILS TO MOVE CONGMEN

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi hit the headlines when he described his Bharat Jodo Yatra as an attempt to open 'nafrat ke bazar mein mohabbat ki dukan'. He has said that India has been broken at many levels under the present regime and that there is a need to bring the people together and heal the society. This is the message he is trying to spread through the yatra, he said. His message has been well received by the people who have turned out in impressive numbers all along from Kanyakumari to Delhi, where the yatra has been suspended for a week. Ironically, one group where Rahul Gandhi's message of mohabbat does not appear to have reached is the Congressmen. Leaders of the party have refused to bury their differences and have mohabbat in their hearts for their fellow partymen even during the yatra. There are many instances of this. When the yatra reached the Delhi border, leaders decided to spend the night at Sohna in the Mewat region of Haryana. The entire arrangement for the stay was handled by former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and his team. Former state Congress president Kumari Selja's team had booked five rooms in a hotel where the party brass was staying. The rest of the hotel was booked by Hooda's team. When Selja returned late in the night after the day's yatra, she was shocked to learn that her booking had been cancelled. After an hour of argument, she had to drive to Gurugram to spend the night. Her supporters are blaming Hooda for the denial of rooms. Rahul's yatra is now set to enter Uttar Pradesh. Leaders in the state have already thrown chairs at each other in a preparatory meeting.

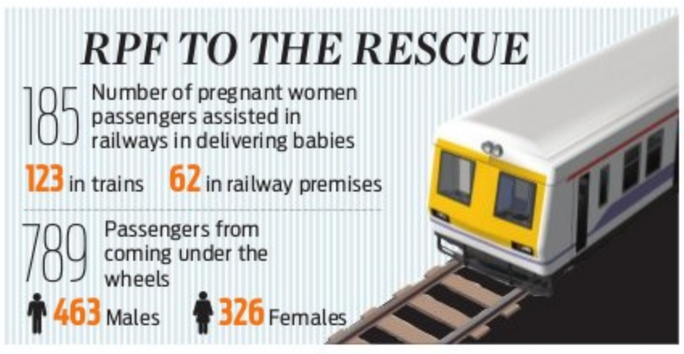
RPF personnel help 123 women deliver babies in trains in 2022

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

SHOWING its human concern, the women RPF personnel of the Indian Railways in 2022 set a new benchmark of human concern during their duties in the Indian Railways after assisting more than 175 pregnant women who abruptly went into labour pain either onboard in trains or waiting at railway stations for journey.

According to an official data, obtained by this newspaper, the women RPF personnel, who constitute 9% of the total existing strength of RPF (which is claimed to be highest among uniform forces by railway), assisted 123 pregnant women passengers, who abruptly experienced labour pains while travelling in trains.

"And all those women safely delivered babies with the assistances provided by the RPF women personnel in 2022," claimed a senior railway official, adding that 62 pregnant women were also assisted when they went into labour pain while sitting in railway premises for boarding in trains for various destinations.



In fact, the Indian Railways has launched a well- focused "Operation Matrishakti" for assisting pregnant women passengers if they suddenly go into labour pain during the journey in train or waiting in railway premises for catching trains.

An official data said that a total of 185 pregnant women passengers were assisted by the RPF women cops in safe delivery of their babies during journey when they went into labour pain.

Not only this, the RPF personnel on duty across the country also saved the lives of over 700 passengers by swiftly pulling them at a distance from coming under the wheels of moving trains in the same year. "As part of discharging duty under Operation Jeevan Raksha aimed at saving the life of rail users, the RPF cops going beyond the call of duty risking their won lives saved 789 passengers, including 326 women passengers from coming under the wheels of moving trains in railway in 2022 till November," said a senior railway official.

He said that some incidents happened when the passenger trying to board or de-board a moving train slipped and fell down with the higher risk of coming g under the wheels of train.

'His staff did not come to my rescue'

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"I TRIED to remove his hand (from her body). He even tore my T-shirt. I started crying, but none of his staff members came to my rescue," she said. Though Singh stepped down from his post, he rejected the allegations as false and an attempt to spoil his image.

Singh has been charged under sections 354 (assault or use of criminal force against a woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354 A (sexual harassment), 354 B (compelling her to be naked), 342 (wrongful confinement) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

The BJP MLA from Pehowa in Kurukshetra demanded a thorough investigation into the allegations. "I hand over the responsibility of the sports department to the chief minister until the report of the investigation comes out," he said. The victim met Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij who assured her that justice will be done.

Indian aviation scales new heighs with Op Ganga, new routes & drone policy

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

WHILE Digi-Yatra, offering contactless, ID less air travel in India through face recognition marked the beginning of new ear in aviation in India, sector touched some significant landmarks with services starting in more than 50 new regional routes, 5 new airports and helipads, opening up of the drone sector and above all the successful completions of the disinvestment of Air India. Among the noted milestones was also Operation Ganga under which Indian citizens were evacuated from the foreign conflict zones.

Beginning December 1, select airports in the country have launched the Digi Yatra service that allows domestic flyers access into the airport departure zones by just looking into a camera lens. An app designed to allow contactless, seamless access to passengers into airports and flights based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT).

In the first phase, it will be launched at 7 airports. While Delhi, Bengaluru and Varanasi launched Digi Yatra services on December 1, 2022, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune, and Vijayawada by March 2023. Later it would be implemented across various airports in the country.

YearEnder 2022

The year began with the successful completion of strategic disinvestment of 100% stake of Government of India in Air-India along with 100% stake in Air-India Express Ltd (AIXL) and 50% stake in Air-India SATS. The process was completed on January 27, 2022.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the highest price bid of Talace Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons Private Limited for sale of 100% equity shareholding of GoI in Air-India along with its equity shareholding in AIXL and AISATS. The winning bid was for ₹18,000 crore for the combined stakes of three entities.

Regional air connectivity was also a highlight of the year 2022 with 50 new regional connectivity scheme (RCS) routes commenced in this year under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme with the objective to fulfil the flying aspirations of the common citizen with better aviation infrastructre.

'Digi Yatra rolled out'

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SPEAKER TO STUDENTS

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has urged students coming to Rajasthan's Kota city to study without any stress and reach out to him in case of any trouble. He was addressing the students on New Year's eve

100 CNG BUSES FLAGGED OFF, GUWAHATI'S FIRST 'GREEN' FUEL STATION OPENED

Ahmedabad	28	14	Mumbai	31	24
Bhopal	29	12	Panaji	30	25
Jaipur	24	08	Patna	21	09
Amritsar	18	09	Lucknow	22	10
Chennai	30	23	Port Blair	29	23
Kolkata	25	12	Imphal	21	08
Srinagar	08	-4	Chandigarh	22	09

Border row looms over MP-Maha

Lack of development forces residents of Amravati tehsil to demand inclusion in MP district

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

AMID the ongoing border row involving Karnataka and Maharashtra, the villages in Dharni tehsil (block) of Amravati district of Maharashtra have launched a protest for their entire tehsil comprising 150-plus villages to be included in adjoining Madhya Pradesh.

Residents of these villages, who protested recently on the Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh border, demanding inclusion in MP, have reportedly written to the President of India and the CMs of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

The protestors have alleged that lack of development, particularly woeful state of roads, public health facilities and linguistic barriers, have forced the residents of these villages to rely on adjoining MP districts, for all their major needs, spanning from economic to health needs.

While the Amravati district headquarters is around 190 km from Dharni tehsil and its constituent villages, the three districts of Madhya Pradesh, including Burhanpur, Khandwa and Betul are just 60-70 kms from Dharni tehsil villages.

"Over 150 villages forming over 70 gram panchayats are part of Dharni taluka. Out of these 150-plus villages, 100 don't have proper roads, while 24 villages don't have electricity even 75 years after the country's independence. Right from farmers, traders to commoners, the residents of Dharni taluka villages have to rely for everything on markets in Burhanpur, Khandwa and Betul districts of MP, " said Sripad Pal, the Amravati Zila Parishad member, who is leading the movement for including Dharni and its villages in Madhya Pradesh.

"Residents in most villages of Dharni speak Hindi, but they've to deal with Maharashtra government officials, who speak and work in Marathi. We are only geographically part of Maharashtra, but for all our needs we rely solely on MP, which is why we've written to the President of India and others for making our villages part of MP.

Protestors recently staged demonstrations in support of their demands on the Maharashtra-MP border, raising the slogan, "*Hamari maang poori karo, Madhya Pradesh mein shamil karo*."

The movement is likely to gain further momentum in the new year.

"Out of the 150-odd villages in Dharni block spread in around 140 km, 70 neighbour the three districts of Madhya Pradesh It's been 40 years since even a single industrial unit was started anywhere in Dharni. Even for medical treatment, we've to rely on MP rather than Amravati district HQ which is around 190 km away. When we've to depend on the MP for everything, what's the use of being part of Amravati. We hope that the President of India and two state governments will act on our demand sympathetically and promptly," Pal said.

NO PROPER ROADS, ELECTRICITY

Dharni block of Amravati district of Maharashtra comprises 150 plus villages spread in around 140-150 km.

140-150 km

While 190 km distance separates Dharni block from Amravati district headquaters, just 60-70 km separates many villages of Dharni block from MP's Burhanpur, Khandwa and Betul districts.

- As per protestors around 100 villages don't have proper roads, while at least 24 villages lack adequate electricity.
- Villagers of Dharni block have to depend on adjoining MP and it's markets rather than Maharashtra.

No new industrial units have come up in Dharni block since four decades, malnourishment too remains a big concern.

C'garh Assembly session begins today amid new quota din

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

A five-day winter session of the Chhattisgarh Assembly that begins on Monday is likely to be stormy even as the tussle over the reservation amendment bill between the Congress-ruled state government and the Rajbhawan persists. The bill raises the reservation to 76 per cent.

The opposition BJP has geared-up to launch an attack on an alleged poor governance and law and order issue.

"There is not one but several issues that we will raise inside the House during the session. The foremost is the deteriorating law and order situation for which BJP will bring adjournment motion. The farmers are facing problems in securing a token to sell their paddy, regularisation of 4 lakh workers, religious conversion among others," said Narayan Chandel, leader of opposition.

Amid the Congress repeated allegation that the BJP is not allowing the Rajbhawan to give an assent, the opposition leaders countered that their party stands in support of the reservation but the picture should be made clear.

"The amendment bill in the Vidhan Sabha was unanimously passed owing to our cooperation but the Bhupesh Baghel government is doing meaningless politics over it. We challenge the CM to table the report of the Quantifiable Data Commission in the House so that we can also know how the reservation quota for different categories have been fixed by the government", said Ajay Chandrakar, BJP MLA and spokesperson.

The Congress party has decided to organise a mega-rally to Rajbhawan in support of the bill on January 3.

The opposition asked that when the state government brought the reservation bill citing the report of the Quantifiable Data Commission then what is preventing it to share in the Vidhan Sabha that has passed the bill on December 2.

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BJP starts exercise for 2024 polls

Though 2024 is still far away, the BJP has already started working with an eye on the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in Jharkhand with Union Home Minister Amit Shah visiting mineral-rich Chaibasa on January 7. According to party functionaries, the visit is a part of the party strategy to win back the 130 seats across the country, where it finished second in the 2019 Parliamentary elections. BJP had lost Singhbhum to the Congress's Gita Koda and Rajmahal to JMM's Vijay Hansda in the 2019 Parliamentary polls. Singhbhum is crucial for BJP as it had won the seat in 2014.

Learn from others' experience

With an objective to provide unique opportunities to individuals for getting them engaged in meaningful conversations and learning from one another's experiences, the IIM, Ranchi recently launched a 'Human Library'. It brought together students, faculty, and members of the community to share their stories and perspectives with one another. The library is based on the idea of a traditional library, where individuals can 'borrow' a 'book' in the form of a person and converse with them about their life experiences, beliefs, and points of view. The concept of Human Library originated from Denmark in 2000 as a way to promote understanding by allowing individuals to borrow 'human books' and engage in conversations with them.

'Man-eating' tag plea as leopard kills 4

Forest officials of Garhwa district have sent a proposal to state forest department seeking their approval for declaring a leopard a man-eater, as it has already claimed at least four lives, including three minors, in Jharkhand so far. Officials claimed that the proposal has already been sent to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Wildlife. The forest officials claimed that based on drone camera footage and other scientific tools, they have come to the conclusion that all the victims were killed by the same leopard which has entered Garhwa forest from the adjacent Palamu Tiger Reserve in Palamu.

Massive fire engulfs factory in Nashik, two killed, 19 injured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

TWO persons lost their lives and 19 were injured in the major fire that broke out on Sunday morning in a poly film factory of Jindal at Igatpuri in Nashik district. After visiting the incident site and injured people in the civic hospital, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced financial help of ₹5 lakh to the deceased's family members.

Maharashtra CM Shinde said that the fire at Jindal chemical factory in Mundegaon village of Igatpuri tehsil near Nashik was massive and horrific.

"We do not know the exact cause of the fire. The high committee will be set up to probe the incident, and the guilty will be punished. In the fire, two people died while 19 people were injured. The deceased family members will get financial help of ₹5 lakh while treatment expenses of the injured will be borne by the state government," he said.

CM Ekanth Shinde along with Nasik guardian minister Dada Bhuse visited when the fire broke out and even inquired the injured people in hospital on Sunday evening.

The blaze erupted around 11:30am in the Jindal Group's polythene manufacturing unit in Mundegaon village of Igatpuri tehsil in Nashik. The fire started at the boiler inside the chemical plant.

Nashik Superintendent of Police Shahji Umap said that workers and supervisor of the factory were also injured in the fire. He said after local people informed us about the incident, the fire tenders were rushed to the spot and senior officials took stock of the situation. Officials said that a helicopter of the Indian Air Force was also deployed for rescue operations.

NIA charges 14 in J'khand Naxal attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency on Saturday filed a supplementary charge-sheet against 14 persons at a special court in Ranchi, in connection with the attack of a former Bharatiya Janata Party MLA, Gurucharan Nayak and killing of two police men at West Sighbhum district of Jharkhand by Naxals in january, 2022.

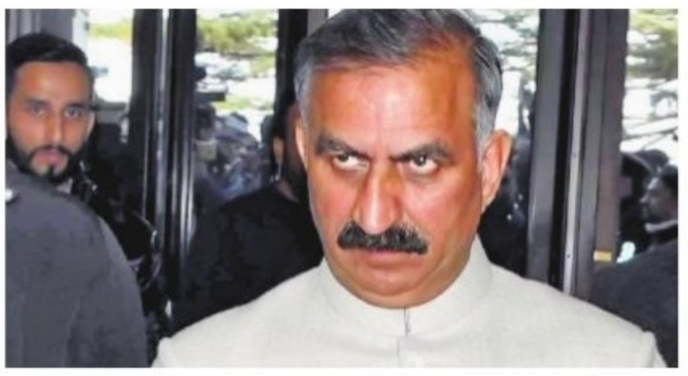
According to NIA, investigations revealed that the accused persons are members of CPI (Maoist) and they participated in meetings in which a conspiracy was hatched to target former Party MLA Nayak. They also participated in the crime which resulted in injury and death of police personnel and looting of arms and ammunition.

Investigations also revealed that the accused persons were involved in recruitment of members for the commission of terrorist acts and organized training Camps for carrying out terrorist activities.

The case was initially registered by the Goilkera police on January 5, but was re-registered by the NIA on June 30, 2022.

Himachal CM announces ₹101 cr higher edu fund for poor students

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh



HIMACHAL Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday said that the state government would set up the Chief Minister's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh with an outlay of ₹101 crore for higher education for needy children and destitute women. The government will bear the expenditure on skill development education, higher education and vocational training of such children in engineering colleges, IIIT, NIT, IIM, IT, polytechnic institutes, nursing and degree colleges. They will also be given financial assistance as per their requirement. Besides, financial assistance can also be taken from the MLAs.

He said that the state government was committed to ensure the welfare of needy children, especially orphans, destitute women and senior citizens. Sukhu said that on the very first day after taking oath as the Chief Minister, he visited the Girl Child Care Institute, Tutikandi in Shimla to know about the functioning of the institute. Besides, he also inspected Nari Seva Sadan and Old Age Ashram, Mashobra. He said that there a lot more needed to be done for destitute children, women and senior citizens. He said that the government was the guardian of the children who do not have parents. A notification has already been issued by the state government to provide festival grants of ₹500 to the residents of Child Care Institutions, Nari Seva Sadan, Shakti Sadan and Old Age Homes to celebrate the festivals.

He said that receiving assistance from this fund would be free from government restrictions and no income certificate would be taken from them. The assistance will be given directly to the beneficiary's account immediately by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment on simple application.

Sukhu said that efforts will also be made to seek financial assistance under CSR from philanthropists and companies etc. So that all the vulnerable sections could be provided with good and high quality facilities.

He said that children living in child care institutions, all children being benefited under foster care, destitute women living in Nari Seva Sadan, Shakti Sadan and residents of old age homes would be benefited under this scheme. He said that if any other orphan child is identified by the District Child Protection Unit, he will also be benefited under this scheme.

Shah, Nadda to visit Bengal in Jan to prepare ground for LS polls

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

AIMING to secure victory in more seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP's national president J P Nadda will start visiting the state from this month. Sources in the BJP said the two heavyweights will visit the state on two separate days in January.

Shah is likely to come on January 17 and address rallies in Mathurapur in South 24 Parganas and Arambagh in Hooghly. Shah and Nadda will address 24 rallies in 2023 in the state's Lok Sabha constituencies where the saffron camp failed to perform impressively in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

"The two national leaders will address all the parliamentary constituencies across the country that have been identified as weak for the party. As part of this, Amitji and Naddaji will visit the state. Naddaji is likely to come a few days before Shah," said a BJP leader.

In 2023, Shah and Nadda are scheduled to visit 12 Lok Sabha constituencies each to cover all 24 Lok Sabha seats, which the party did not win in the 2019 general elections.

The BJP won 18 Lok Sabha seats in 2019 and is aiming to bag more seats in 2024.

Sukanta Majumdar, BJP's West Bengal president, said with the nearing of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Shah and Nadda would address most of the rallies. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also address those constituencies that are not considered as our party's strongholds," he said.

The 24 constituencies, where Shah and Nadda will address, are located in south Bengal. The BJP bagged seven Lok Sabha seats out of eight in north Bengal in 2019. "In south Bengal's 24 seats, we won 11. Our party made deep inroads in north Bengal but our performance was not good enough in south Bengal," said a BJP leader.

Reacting to BJP's initiative by bringing Shah and Nadda in a series of rallies, Trinamool Congress's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said it would not help the saffron camp. "BJP can organise 400 rallies, but their divisive politics will again be rejected by Bengal's electorates," he said.

Nitish awaits Oppn reply to his unity initiative

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

BIHAR Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who had tried to scale up efforts for forging broader opposition unity ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha election soon after snapping ties with BJP, is seemingly wanting to test the water and wait for the Congress' reply on the issue.

Nitish apparently considers that there is no need to rush through the matter as there should be first opposition parties to make up their minds on how to proceed with it and stitch a coalition to stop the BJP juggernaut.

On Saturday, Nitish asserted that he had no objection if Congress was pushing for the party leader Rahul Gandhi as the Opposition's Prime Ministerial face for the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Replying to a media query on senior Congress leader and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath₹s comment that Rahul would be the PM candidate for the 2024 Lok Sabha election, Nitish said, "There is no harm in it. The opposition parties should sit together and discuss the issue. I have no objection to Rahul being projected as PM candidate," he remarked. "We have held discussions with opposition parties and we are waiting for their responses," he added. He said he was waiting for the conclusion of Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra. "As many as possible opposition parties should contest the election together and get the majority and rule the country for the development of the country by building consensus on all programmes and policies," he quipped.

"Unnecessarily, canard is spread that I want to be declared the PM candidate. I again want to emphasise that I do not aspire to be declared and I am not claimant to it," he said.

DELHI HORROR

20-yr-old dragged by car for 8km after accident, dies

UJWAL JALALI @New Delhi

IN a horrific accident on the first day of 2023, a 20-year-old woman riding a two-wheeler was allegedly hit by a car and her body dragged underneath it for about 7-8 km in the wee hours, the police said.

The police later apprehended five alleged occupants of the car who claimed their vehicle met with an accident in the Sultanpuri area. Spot inspection and preliminary inquiry by the police revealed that after the accident, the victim got entangled in the wheels of the car and was dragged for quite some distance. Police personnel on night patrol spotted a scooty that had suffered an accident and established that belonged to the victim.

The incident was first reported at the Kanjhawala police station in Rohini at 3.24 am. "A caller stated that a car heading towards Qutubhgarh side has a dead body tied beneath it," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer) Harendra K Singh said. The caller described the car as a grey Baleno.

Taking suo motu cognisance of the accident, Swati Maliwal, chirperson of the Delhi Commission for Women, issued summons to the DCP Singh, seeking a detailed action taken report on the matter by January 5. It also sought a list of police checkposts on the route of the car which hit the girl.

"Was the car stopped by any police personnel and were the accused persons checked for alcohol intake by them? Reasons why no PCR or police personnel stopped the car from dragging the girl for several kilometers?" the summons read.

FIVE

Taliban militants, who were plotting to target security installations, arrested in Pakistan's Punjab province

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	3	-9	TDS	Los Angeles	14	10	LC
Colombo	30	22	LC	Melbourne	30	15	HR
Dhaka	26	14	TDS	Moscow	2	-6	HR
Dubai	26	19	SNY	New York	14	7	LC
Houston	24	18	SNY	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	12	4	LC	Toronto	5	2	LC
London	8	2	LC	Washington	16	8	LC

Grim New Year in Ukraine amid Russian attacks

Moscow says the strike hit the facilities of the military-industrial complex of Kyiv

KYIV

UKRAINIANS had a grim start to 2023 on Sunday, with yet more sirens and fresh missile attacks on their territory, as the death toll from Russia's massive New Year Eve assault across the country climbed to at least three.

Night-time shelling that battered parts of the southern city of Kherson killed one person, wounded another and blew out hundreds of windows in a children's hospital, as per deputy presidential chief of staff Kyrylo Tymoshenko.

Meanwhile, a 22-year-old woman injured in a rocket attack in eastern Khmelnytskyi later died of her wounds, the city's mayor Oleksandr Symchyshyn said. Multiple blasts rocked Kyiv and other areas of Ukraine on Saturday and through the night, injuring dozens, a sign that the pace of Russia attacks had picked up. Ukrainian officials claimed Russia was now deliberately targeting civilians, seeking to create a climate of fear and dent morale.

The blasts came just 36 hours after Russia launched a barrage of missiles on Thursday to damage energy infrastructure facilities, an unusally quickened rhythm that alarmed Ukrainian officials.

First lady Olena Zelenska expressed outrage that such massive missile attacks could come just before New Year's Eve celebrations. "Ruining lives of others is a disgusting habit of our neighbours," she said.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said two schools were also damaged, including a kindergarten. Some Ukrainians defied the danger, however, to return to the country to reunite with families for the holidays.

Meanwhile, Moscow said on Sunday its New Year attacks on Ukraine targeted the pro-Western country's drone production, claiming it had managed to scupper Kyiv's 'terror attacks' against Russia.

In a New Year's Eve assault, Moscow attacked Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities with missiles and Iranian-made drones.

Russia's defence ministry said a strike hit "the facilities of the military-industrial complex of Ukraine" which is involved in the production of drones. "Storage facilities and launch sites" for the drones have also been destroyed, the ministry said.

"The aim of the strike was achieved. The plans of the Kyiv regime to carry out terrorist attacks against Russia in the near future have been thwarted." *Agencies*

A woman and her daughters sell souvenirs to donate money to Ukrainian army ahead of the New Year's Eve celebrations in Kyiv, Ukraine on Saturday | AFP

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR ACROSS THE GLOBE

Fireworks go off over the St. Cathedral in the New Orleans French Quarter, Louisiana on Sunday | AP

Women light sparklers and youth celebrate the New Year in downtown St. Petersburg, Russia on Sunday | AP

Children take a train ride during the New Year celebrations at Uhuru Park in Nairobi, Kenya on Sunday | AP

Pakistani Christians attend a New Year service at St. Anthony's Church in Lahore, Pakistan on Sunday | AP

Citizens visit and pay respect to the statues of their late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on New Year's Day in Pyongyang, North Korea on Sunday | AP

Kids among nine dead in New Year stampede

A stampede during New Year's celebrations at a mall in Uganda's capital, Kampala, left at least nine people dead, including children, police said on Sunday. The stampede happened at the Freedom City Mall in Namasuba suburb as revellers rushed to watch fireworks. Five people died at the scene and four others died of their injuries at the hospital.

22 wounded in celebratory gunfire

Pakistan's new year celebrations were marred by customary gunfire by the exuberant revellers in several big cities, injuring at least 22 people, including children and women, in the Karachi metropolis. 13 people have been arrested in connection with the firing in Korangi, three of whom have been charged with attempted murder.

Croatia rings in New Year as a EU member

At the stroke of midnight on Saturday, Croatia switched to the shared European currency, the euro. As revellers took to the streets to ring in the New Year, Croatia's interior minister, Davor Bozinovic, was at the Bregana border crossing with Slovenia to wish the best of luck to the last travellers to have their passports checked there.

Stray bullets hit 2 jets at Beirut airport

Stray bullets from gunfire celebrations for the new year hit two Middle East Airlines jets parked at Beirut's international airport causing minor damage to the planes without hurting anyone. Intense shooting occurred midnight on Saturday in Beirut to celebrate new year despite repeated warnings by officials for residents not to do so.

1 dead in shooting near New Year's Eve party

One person was killed and nine hurt in a shooting a few blocks away from where thousands were in the streets for a New Year's Eve party in downtown Mobile, Alabama. The shooter and the person killed appeared to know each other, police said. The name of the person killed and conditions of nine people taken to hospital have not been released by police.

GRIM MESSAGE

2023 will be critical year, says Sri Lanka president

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Sunday said 2023 will be a 'critical year' for the country, as his regime desperately scrambles to inject much-needed impetus to galvanise the beleaguered economy.

"We are looking at the New Year 2023 after having undergone the bleakest of times, immense hardships, as well as the uncertainties and hopelessness of the last year," Wickremesinghe said in his New Year's message.

"I understand the great burdens that are placed on all of us and the setbacks that a majority of us have suffered due to the country's abject economic collapse," he said.

The Sri Lankan government in May last year declared a debt default on over $51 billion in the foreign loan—a first in the country's history.

"Indeed, 2023 will be a critical year in which we plan to turn around the economy. 2023 is also the 75th year of independence from the British Empire," he noted.

National Day, also known as Independence Day is celebrated on February 4 to commemorate the country's political independence from British rule in 1948.

"We must boldly implement the proposed social, economic and political reforms to build a prosperous and productive Sri Lanka in the coming decade," Wickremesinghe explained.

While explaining the roadmap ahead, the President assured that the worst in the country's financial crisis may be over. He also thanked the citizens for their patience and courage as the government took the critical steps to stabilise the economy.

The President also lamented that Sri Lanka was trailing behind some of the other countries that attained independence from Great Britain around the same time. *PTI*

North Korea orders exponential expansion of nuclear arsenal

SEOUL

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered the 'exponential' expansion of his country's nuclear arsenal and the development of a more powerful intercontinental ballistic missile, state media reported on Sunday, after he entered 2023 with another weapons launch following a record number of testing activities last year.

Kim's moves are in line with the broad direction of his nuclear programme. He has repeatedly vowed to boost both the quality and quantity of his arsenal to cope with what he calls US hostility. Some experts say Kim's push to produce more nuclear and other weapons signals his intention to continue a run of weapons tests and ultimately solidify his future negotiating power and win greater outside concessions.

> **They are now keen on isolating... North Korea... The prevailing situation calls for making redoubled efforts to overwhelmingly beef up the military muscle**
>
> Kim Jong Un, N. Korean leader

"They are now keen on isolating and stifling (North Korea), unprecedented in human history," Kim said at a recently ended key ruling party meeting, as per *KCNA*. "The prevailing situation calls for making redoubled efforts to overwhelmingly beef up the military muscle."

During the six-day meeting meant to determine new state objectives, Kim called for "an exponential increase of the country's nuclear arsenal" to mass produce battlefield tactical nuclear weapons targeting South Korea. He also presented a task to develop a new ICBM missioned with a "quick nuclear counterstrike" capability—a weapon he needs to strike the mainland US. He said the North's first military reconnaissance satellite will be launched "at the earliest date possible," *KCNA* said.

Also earlier Sunday, South Korea's military detected a short-range ballistic missile launched from the North's capital region. It said the weapon traveled about 400 kilometres before falling into the water between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. The US Indo-Pacific Command said that the US commitments to defend South Korea and Japan 'remain ironclad.' *AP*

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attends a ceremony to dedicate to the nation 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket system in Pyongyang on Saturday | AP

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Limestone, Bauxite and Manganese Ore and for grant of Composite Licence for Manganese Ore, Graphite & Rare Earth Elemets, Copper and Basemetal"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10A(2)(d), Section 10B and Section 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 notified thereunder, as amended from time to time, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has identified:

a) 7 mineral blocks (2 blocks of Limestone, 4 blocks of Bauxite and 1 block of Manganese Ore) for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of ***Mining Lease.***

b) 8 mineral blocks (5 blocks of Manganese Ore, 1 block of Graphite & Rare Earth Elements, 1 block of Copper mineral and 1 block of Basemetal) for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of ***Composite Licence.***

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time, terms, and conditions etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited **(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/m1c1/index.jsp)**.

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above e-auction portal. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Interested and eligible bidders can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the Tender fee from the above e-auction portal. Any revision, clarifications, addendum, corrigendum, time extensions, etc. to the tender document will be hosted on the above e-auction portal only and no separate notifications shall be issued in the press.

Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summaries are available free of cost on the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited website **(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp)** and Directorate of geology.

LIST OF MINERAL BLOCKS FOR AUCTION

Sr. No.	Name of the Block	District	Mineral	Price of Tender Document (without GST* (in Rs.)
Mining Lease (in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Act)				
1.	Aber Laterite and Limestone Block	Satna	Limestone	2,00,000
2.	Katni Limestone Block	Satna	Limestone	2,00,000
3.	Pipartola Manganese Ore Block	Balaghat	Manganese Ore	25,000
Mining Lease				
4.	Warjiri Dadar and Bear Hill Bauxite Block	Balaghat	Bauxite	2,00,000
5.	Kotpahar Bauxite Block	Balaghat	Bauxite	2,00,000
6.	Dadartola Dadar Bauxite Block	Balaghat	Bauxite	2,00,000
7.	Pachama Dadar Bauxite Block	Balaghat	Bauxite	5,00,000
Composite Licence (in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Act)				
8.	Katangjhari Manganese Ore Block	Balaghat	Manganese Ore	2,00,000
9.	Guvali Manganese Ore Block	Jhabua	Manganese Ore	25,000
10.	Dhamani Nana Manganese Ore Block	Jhabua	Manganese Ore	25,000
11.	Uberao Manganese Ore Block	Jhabua	Manganese Ore	25,000
12.	Naganwat Badi Manganese Ore Block	Jhabua	Manganese Ore	25,000
Composite Licence				
13.	Shitalpani Copper Block	Balaghat	Copper	1,00,000
14.	Pastalaimal Basemetal Block	Betul	Basemetal	5,00,000
15.	Patehra REE & Graphite Block	Sidhi	Rare Earth Elements & Graphite	5,00,000

*The payment is to be remitted and received before 17:00 hours (IST) on the Last date for sale of Tender Document.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Tender Document for the blocks being auctioned in accordance with **Section 10A(2)(d)** of the Act, the State Government makes no representation whatsoever, express, implicit or otherwise, regarding the accuracy and / or completeness of the information provided in the said geological report and the Bidder confirms that it shall have no claim whatsoever against the State Government in this regard. The Bidder acknowledges and hereby accepts the risk of inadequacy, mistake or error in or relating to said geological report and hereby acknowledges and agrees that the State Government shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder and their associates or any person claiming through or under any of them. The Bidders agree and acknowledge that any mistake or error in or relating to the said geological report shall not vitiate the tender process, Mining Lease and / or MDP A, or render the same voidable.

The block specific Tender documents are available for purchase on the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited **(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/m1c1/index.jsp)**. Last date for purchase of Tender Document, on the e-auction platform is **Monday, February 06, 2023** and the last date for submission of the bid is **Monday, February 13, 2023,** on or before 17:00 hours (1ST).

Bidders may note that for composite licences, the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2022 have dispensed with the requirement of indicating the division of the land into forest land, land owned by the State Government, and land not owned by the State Government and the requirement of demarcating the area using total station and differential global positioning system and has provided the flexibility of demarcating the concession area using global positioning system. However, the requisite demarcation in respect of certain blocks is nevertheless being provided [as and where available] as part of the information memorandum. Thus, the terms and conditions for auction of the said block remain unchanged.

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₹11,119 cr have been infused in Indian equities by FPIs (Foreign Portfolio Investors) in December.

INVESTORS MUST BRACE FOR VOLATILITY IN 2023

Global and domestic factors will play a significant role in the performance of equities, bonds, gold, fixed deposits and real estate this year

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

THE year 2022 will be remembered as a period when the Indian economy stood tall against global headwinds like high inflation, rising interest rates, looming global recession and geopolitical tensions. Investors could expect the new year will bring more growth opportunities and fewer challenges.

As we step into the new year, investors will need to be more vigilant in 2023 as performance of equities, bonds, gold, fixed deposits and real estate will be impacted by a plethora of global and domestic factors.

Equities

Indian equities went through a volatile phase last year but performed much better than most of its emerging peers and developed countries. When indices in other markets gave negative returns, BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty index delivered 4.4% and 4.3%, respectively in 2022. With the Indian economy set to grow more than many major economies, Indian equities are expected to generate healthy returns to investors.

World Bank predicts India to grow 6.6% in FY24. Fitch Ratings estimates India GDP to grow at 6.2% in FY24 and at 6.9% in FY25.

As per the forecasts given by different analysts, the BSE Sensex is expected to reach 65,000-70,000 levels by 2023 end, while NSE Nifty is expected to reach 20,000- 23,000 by year-end.

"Nifty earnings are seen growing at around 15% CAGR in FY22-25E. This is primarily driven by improved asset quality and credit growth revival in index heavy BFSI space, pick-up in capex activity and consequent execution in capital goods domain, margins & profit recovery in auto, FMCG, metals, pharma and oil & gas space," Pankaj Pandey, Head Research, ICICI Direct told TNIE.

Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) are likely to be a dominant force, going forward as well. In the last 12 months, DIIs have bought equities worth ₹3.1 lakh crore

Bank Fixed Deposits

Bankers will be closely watching the statements from the RBI governor this year. Driven by multiple rate hikes by the RBI last year, tighter liquidity, high credit demand and wide gap in credit and deposit growth, banks have raised rates on fixed deposits.

Banks are now offering up to 8% interest on FDs. As the RBI is expected to further hike repo rate in its next meeting in February, the rates on FDs are expected to move further up next year. However, 2023 may see the peak of FD rates as RBI is expected to pause its repo rate hike following the pause in hike by US Fed.

"Banks deposit and borrowing rates are expected to expand due to a lagged effect compared to the repo rate, strong underlying credit demand, lower liquidity in the banking system, a wide gap in credit and deposit growth and credit push by the banks in H2FY23," Sanjay Agarwal, Senior Director, Care Ratings said.

Factors that will affect different asset classes

- Impact of high interest rates on demand cycle and corporate earnings
- Stance of US Fed and RBI on inflation and growth
- Severity of recession in global economy
- Flare up in Russia-Ukraine war
- Quantum of rate hikes by RBI
- Liquidity in banking system and credit growth

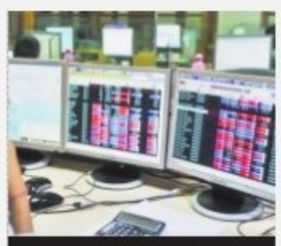
CRYSTAL BALL GAZING

65,000-70,000 Expected level of BSE Sensex by end of 2023

20,000-23,000 Expected level of NSE Nifty by end of 2023

7.59- 7.71% Expected yield on 10-year Indian government bond by 2023 end

6.6% World Bank's forecast for India's GDP growth in FY24



₹3.1 lakh cr Equities bought by Domestic Institutional Investors in 2022

₹48,500-60,000 Expected trading range for gold (per 10gm) on MCX in 2023

4-8% Interest rates offered by banks on FDs

"Many of the banks have already increased their term deposit rates, and are further expected to increase, which will drive the deposit growth rate," he added.

Gold

For the yellow metal, this year may be a period to glitter as demand for yellow metal as a safe haven may rise due to geopolitical uncertainty and looming risk of recession.

Experts say that concerns over weaker global economic growth and geopolitical tensions will continue to make gold valuable as a hedge against uncertainties.

"Together, with a looming recession, reasonably higher inflation, a falling dollar, and a highly uncertain geo-political situation, gold is expected to perform well in 2023. Physical demand for gold bars and coins remains strong, spurred by ongoing inflation concerns and geo-political and financial market risks. On the MCX, Gold may trade in a range of ₹48,500-60,000/10 grams," said Kotak Securities in its recent report.

Bonds

In a year which saw rising repo rate, bond prices fell and yields rose. With interest rates likely to see their peak and could moderate going ahead, 2023 may be the good time to invest and lock in money at a higher rate. Investors looking to diversify their investment portfolio can look at debt mutual funds, experts say.

"Bond yields are expected to remain range bound as a combination of growth driven stimulus and base effect vie to balance inflation and supply chain disruptions," Nachiketh Naik, Head - Corporate Lending, Arka Fincap- a non-bank finance company.

Analysts expect India's benchmark 10-year bond yields to be around 7.59- 7.71% by the end of this year.

Real Estate

After witnessing strong demand from home buyers last year, the real estate sector is expected to continue the growth momentum this year.

However, the extent of repo rate hike, which will force banks to hike home loan rates, will be a crucial factor to watch out during this year.

"Housing sales remained upbeat throughout 2022, and the current sales momentum will sustain at least into the first quarter of 2023," Anuj Puri, Chairman of real estate consultancy firm Anarock said.

"Thereafter, much will depend on forces other than the desire for homeownership, such as additional repo rate hikes and property price increase," he added.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY PATIENCE COULD DEFINE INVESTING IN 2023

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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HUMAN emotions are irrational. There is no logic in the way you react to situations. In the wonderland of investments, your choices could be either logical or emotional. It is difficult to make rational money choices when you constantly worry about losses or have income uncertainty.

Your investments are for creating wealth in the long term. There are no shortcuts. You cannot put in a small amount today and expect a significant amount enough to take care of all your needs a year later. The effectiveness of your investments depends on your ability to beat consumer price inflation consistently. You need to achieve that objective for at least 15 years. That is wealth creation in the real sense.

There are always these temptations to churn your investments. A lot of these actions are based on hearsay and not research-led. There will always be more innovative friends around who suggest tactics to make some fast money. You need to think about 'patience' and not follow everything you hear. Getting rich 'quickly' is an exceptional situation. You got to be lucky. Not everyone can at the same time. However, 'getting rich slowly' is a real thing. Warren Buffett, the legendary American investor, vouches for patience in investing. He made his fortune patiently investing in businesses and holding on to those investments for decades.

Appreciating risk

Risk diversification requires an understanding of market risks—the financial performance of the business matters to the share price of a company the most. If the company consistently grows profits yearly, its share price will increase in tandem. If a company is consistently growing profits and the share price stays flat for a long time or falls, you may want to look at such a business to invest.

Understanding the point when such an event occurs requires you to have a lot of patience. Waiting for the best opportunities allows you to stay informed, and potential risks and rewards can be evaluated more accurately. By not rushing decisions, you can assess all the pertinent information and make a well-informed decision. Furthermore, staying organised allows you to keep all relevant information in one place for easy reference. Finally, keeping a positive outlook allows you to manage uncertainties and stay motivated when opportunities arise.

In times of turbulence, you need a cool head too. When share prices fall, your ability to be patient will depend on the amount of cash you have in your portfolio. If an opportunity presents itself to invest in a quality company at a low price and you are out of cash, you could feel frustrated. In such a situation, you may end up making the wrong decision. You must always keep some cash in liquid funds to make the most of the opportunity.

The other situation where patience can play a role is when market turbulence leads to panic. You may hear rumours about the end of the world. For 2023, economic forecasters are predicting a recession around the world. The war in Europe will likely continue to create supply problems for oil and gas. At the same time, primary food supplies would be disrupted, too, since Russia and Ukraine are the most significant producers of wheat, edible oil and fertilizers. The spread of the COVID-19 variant in China is expected to peak in early 2023, and global companies are transitioning to a China +1 strategy.

In contrast, India's economy is expected to show the fastest growth in G20 economies. Corporate profits are likely to grow steadily. Stock prices showed resilience in 2022 and will likely continue to do so in 2023. While there may not be a sharp rally since valuations are rich, strong flows from foreign and domestic institutional investors would limit the downside.

Patience is key to maintaining a positive outlook and staying invested while the market undergoes extremes. While it may be frustrating to watch the markets fluctuate, it can be helpful to remember that the turbulence will eventually end, and the long-term trend will prevail. Here is wishing you a Happy 2023!

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

MONEY-WISE

SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS ARE LONG!

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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OVER the years many of us have made resolutions in January and given up in February, have we not? Well, in my case Not. It is just that I did not make enough resolutions – I seriously do not remember any resolutions at all. So there was nothing to break.

I have no clue why resolutions are made for the 'New Year' – there must be some history of the Christian calendar that we all follow. Resolutions and Goals are surely useful.

However, on social media I do see a lot of people making resolutions as follows –

- Will reduce my weight from 95kg to 85kg
- Will become a better runner
- Will become financially free
- I will go to the Gym from 1st January

And so on.

Somehow such 'goals' or 'resolutions' are too vague and seem to have no reason why they should succeed. Also there is no reason why it should be done. Why should I reduce my weight? Is it really my goal, or a goal given by society? What will work is "I wish to go to the gym so that I lose 12kg in one year so that I can be a better runner. Better runner means I should be able to run 10km in 53 minutes and I will achieve this by running 15 km a week…every week for the next one year".

Now look at this goal (or Resolution) – it says what you want to achieve, why you want to achieve and what steps you will take towards it.

So a resolution which says "I will be more organised" is not a good one, but a resolution which says "I will keep my clothes and papers in an organised manner, make my bed, have bath at a regular time, eat at a fixed time, go to the gym at a fixed hour and go to bed at a stipulated hour" is a far better resolution.

Also you should not kill yourself if you do not 'achieve' your goals in the first week itself.

If you resolved that you will go to the gym 5 days in a week and you did go for 4 days, it is a good start. So give yourself some leeway about how you are going to achieve it. Say you were to run 7km a day for 6 days…but end up doing 37 km in 5 days it is not bad.

Having a process oriented goal (aka resolution) has a far greater chance of success than a resolution which is purely goal oriented. A resolution which tells you what to do next morning (I will run 5km a day for 6 days in a week) is also very useful for the person who made the goal.

Also the goal should be self-made. So if you are happy seeing the forests, hills, and beaches of India, you should not succumb to the "I wish to see a foreign country" kind of a resolution.

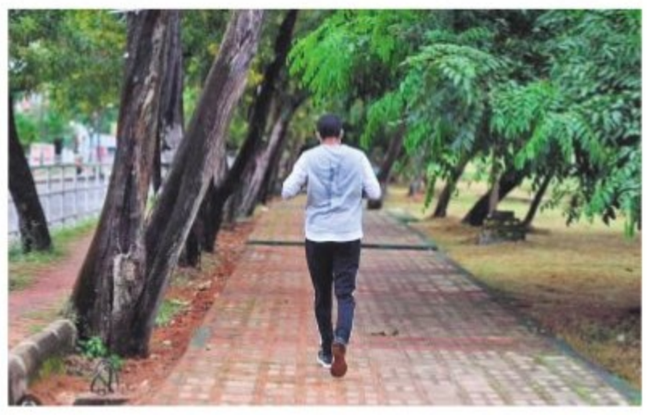
It will not work unless you have conviction while making the goals.

Put all these ingredients and make your goals work for you.

Happy New Year, once more.

Process- oriented goals must be the focus

Having a process oriented goal has a far greater chance of success than a resolution which is purely goal oriented. Also, the goal should be self made. You should not kill yourself if you do not achieve them.



New Year's Eve: Swiggy delivers 3.50 lakh biryanis

HYDERABAD: Food delivery app Swiggy delivered 3.50 lakh biryani orders on Saturday and the app dispatched over 2.5 lakh pizzas across the country, according to company sources.

Swiggy also said as per a poll it conducted on Twitter, 75.4% orders came for Hyderabadi Biryani, followed by Lucknowi-14.2% and Kolkata-10.4%.

"With 3.50 lakh orders, Biryani was the top item that was delivered," sources said. The app had delivered 1.65 lakh Biryani orders at 7.20 PM on Saturday. Bawarchi, one of top biryani selling restaurants in Hyderabad delivered two biryanis per minute on 2021 New year Eve and for December 31, 2022, it prepared 15 tonnes of the delicacy to meet the demand, restaurant sources said. "@dominos_india, 61,287 pizzas have been delivered, we can only imagine the number of oregano packets going with them," Swiggy said in a tweet.

Later, Swiggy delivered over 2.5 lakh pizzas for the day, company sources said. It also said 1.76 lakh packets of chips were ordered on Swiggy Instamart as of 7 PM Saturday. "The party is already off to a fast start - we have already delivered over 1.3 million orders and counting. Our fleet & restaurant partners are geared up to make this NYE unforgettable," Sriharsha Majety, Swiggy CEO said. — *PTI*

Tata, Hyundai post record annual sales in 2022

AUTO SALES

CY 2022 Vs CY 2021

Maruti Suzuki:
CY22: **15,76,025**
CY21: **13,64,787**

Tata Motors
CY 2022: **5,26,798**
CY 2021: **3,31,132**

Hyundai
CY 2022: **5,52,511**
CY 2021: **5,05,033**

Overall Estimate (including all the PV makers)
CY 2022: **37.93 lakh**
CY2021: **30.82 lakh**

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

INDIA'S number 2 and number 3 carmakers- Hyundai and Tata Motors- witnessed record sales in calendar year (CY) 2022. Korean carmaker Hyundai (HMIL) on Sunday said that it recorded the highest-ever domestic sales since its inception of 552,511 units in CY2022 with a growth of 9.4% YoY.

SUVs contributed to more than 50% of Hyundai's overall volumes and its showstopper model CRETA registered its highest ever annual sales volume of 140,895 units in CY22 since its introduction in 2015.

Tarun Garg, Director (Sales, Marketing & Service), HMIL said, "Despite strong headwinds in the last few years, we have continued to challenge existing boundaries and establish new industry benchmarks."

Tata Motors closed CY22 with around 5.27 lakh units, making it about 60% growth over the 3.31 lakh units it sold in 2021. Over two-thirds of Tata's sales come from SUVs, making it the largest SUV maker in the country. Tata's EV sales surpassed the 50,000 mark last year and the carmaker said that Tiago.ev received tremendous response. "Overall, we expect the PV industry to continue witnessing robust demand in the next quarter. We intend to remain vigilant and closely monitor any possible impact on the supply side due to rising COVID case globally," said Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles.

Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales Shashank Srivastava said that the industry wholesales in January to December 2022 were just short of 38 lakh units. It was 37.93 lakh units against 30.82 lakh in 2021, which is a growth of 23%. He said the 2022 wholesales are "the highest ever in the industry for a calendar year", and the last highest was in 2018 which was 33.3 lakh units.

For Maruti Suzuki, sales in CY 2022 were at 15.76 lakh units against 13.64 lakh units in 2021, a growth of almost 16%. Other manufacturers such as Toyota Motor, Kia India and Skoda India also reported record sales in 2022.

Hit by semi-conductor shortage, Maruti ends 2022 on a low

India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) could manage to sell only 112,010 units of passenger vehicles (PV) in the domestic market, as the carmaker faced acute shortage of electronic components. Sales in the past month, which was lowest in recent months, dipped about 9% year-on-year units, down from 1,23,016 units sold in December 2021. Month-on-Month sales performance was down by over 15% as the carmaker had sold 1,32,395 units in November 2022. "The shortage of electronic components had some impact on the production of vehicles, mainly in domestic models. The Company took all possible measures to minimise the impact," said MSIL in a regulatory filing.

Tour game not needed before India series: Oz head coach

Australia head coach Andrew McDonald is confident that their "no tour game" policy on overseas tours will serve them well in the 4-match Test series in India in February-March. Australia would arrive in India just a week before the first Test, starting February 9. "We didn't want to press for too much longer, in terms of the preparation," McDonald was quoted saying.

TIME TO RECALIBRATE & EVOLVE

With an ODI World Cup and a World Test Championship for the men and a T20 WC for women to play for, India have a chance to win their first ICC trophy in a decade

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AS the year 2022 dawned upon us, despite the off-field power struggles — i.e the handling of Virat Kohli's ODI captaincy — there was hope in Indian cricket. They had just conquered Centurion, and it was the closest they had come to winning a Test series in the Rainbow Nation, had the chance to complete what they started in England the year before and top it off with a T20 World Cup title to complete 2022 on a high. Yet, 12 months on — a series loss in South Africa, a Test defeat in England, a poor show in Asia Cup, and the T20 World Cup later — they are nowhere close to where they wanted to be.

And it is not just what the on-field results. 2022 saw India field four different captains in Tests, three in ODIs, and four in T20Is. While some were conscious workload management calls, it is hard to look past the injury-forced decisions they had to make through the year — Virat Kohli in South Africa or Rohit Sharma in England, Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja in the T20 World Cup to name a few. A year that started off with big dreams, a new captain and coach at the helm — Rohit Sharma and Rahul Dravid — ended in a rather disappointing fashion.

That said, what happened has happened. 2022 is over and 2023 is here. And the BCCI has started the year by taking a hard look at how things went down last year and what they could do to ensure it does not happen again, especially not in a year where they have an opportunity to secure both red-ball as well as white-ball glory. And they have opted to make some serious policy changes going forward.

Fitness, workload priority

In the review meeting that was held in Mumbai on Sunday, the BCCI has mandated that the fitness of the players and their workload be the top focus, with a home World Cup on the horizon. The Yo-Yo test and DEXA (Dual Energy Xray Absorptiometry — a diagnostic tool for measuring bone mineral density and body composition) have been made mandatory for the selection of players.

The National Cricket Academy, headed by VVS Laxman, will work alongside the IPL franchises to monitor the targeted Indian players during the 2023 IPL. And the players have to take part in a significant amount of domestic cricket to be eligible for the national team. Which means, unlike in the past, the selectors will not be fast-tracking players after a stupendous season in the IPL. The BCCI has also shortlisted 20 players who will be rotated through the year in the 50-over format to make sure they all get enough game time before the global event in October.

Team in transition

While there are no personnel changes at the moment, it is hard not to see that this team is undergoing a transition. At some level, despite all the upgrades, particularly in their bowling riches and resources in the last decade, the men's team are very similar to where they were in 2012-13. An entire batch of bowlers have come and gone in white-ball cricket. The key batters, who led the transition from a different generation during their mid 20s, are a decade older. They are superstars in their own right and have served Indian cricket with distinction. But the year 2023 seems like their last chance to get their hands on the much-coveted ODI World Cup trophy — especially for Rohit, 35, who missed out in 2011.

The talks about their stats and fitness after every series and the rise of the next-gen talent are pushing the seniors to lead from the front. They have the responsibility to embody the approach of the team. Rohit, despite the lack of big scores, did that in 2022. Kohli, too, bought into the method of the group. It may not have borne the results they wanted last year, but there is still hope for 2023.

While the T20 transition, it seems, has already begun with Hardik Pandya named captain for the Sri Lanka series, the stakes, this year, are higher in a different format. A format where Rohit and Kohli are still the best in the world. They are the best bet for India at the home World Cup and the board knows it too. They have laid out a roadmap to the marquee event with Rohit at helm. "Me and coach (Dravid) have a fair idea as to what we want to do, and we'll narrow it down once we get closer to the World Cup. But (for now) we just want to play good cricket until the World Cup," the skipper had said recently in Bangladesh.

Brought in as captain to end the trophy drought, Rohit has missed out on his first attempt. But having been on the heartbreaking end of the 2019 ODI WC after scoring five centuries, he wouldn't want the same to happen at home more than anything else.

T20 WC & WIPL for women

Just like the men, the Indian women, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, seek to get their hands on an ICC Trophy in 2023. Barring the disappointing return in the ODI World Cup, they have done exceedingly well in the second half of 2022. They saw the two stalwarts of the sport — Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami — bid adieu. They finished with a silver medal in their debut at the Commonwealth Games, won the Asia Cup, and are primed to go all the way in the T20 World Cup in South Africa.

Unlike the men, who are in a very similar place as the team of 2013, the women have grown from strength to strength in the last decade. The recent T20I home series against Australia saw tens of thousands of fans fill the stadium in Mumbai. At least three of the games saw the official streaming platform have an average concurrent viewership — average number of viewers simultaneously watching at any one point in time — of 10-12 lakh. And the inaugural Women's IPL is all set to take place in March as well.

But they have their missions at sight before that. Despite not having a head coach at the moment, the relatively young team, with Harmanpreet taking charge, will try to get their hands on the T20 World Cup come February. There is also the inaugural Women's U-19 T20 World Cup in January with Shafali Verma leading the team. If the men have a lot at stake in the second half of 2023, the women have a lot riding early in the year. How they step up in the first three months could set the tone for women's cricket from here on.

Every time a new year comes along, there are things to be hopeful about, to be ambitious about and to dream about for the Indian cricket fans. And every year, it all comes down to a global crown. 2023 is going to be no different. India have three senior ICC titles to play for, and should they win at least one, it would be a year to remember for a very long time.

KEY EVENTS FOR INDIA IN 2023

- Border Gavaskar Trophy, India, February
- ICC Women's T20 World Cup, South Africa, February
- World Test Championship 2021-23 final, June
- ICC Men's ODI World Cup, India, October-November

National boxing c'ships: Solanki, Hussamuddin post victories

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

GAURAV Solanki, Mohammad Hussamuddin and Biswamitra Chongtham posted wins on the second day of the ongoing men's national boxing championships in Hisar on Sunday.

Hussamuddin (57kg), who represents Services Sports Control Board (SSCB), was too strong for Bulen Borgohain of Assam. He displayed his attacking prowess to win by unanimous verdict (5-0). The Telangana boxer will look to maintain his high standards when he faces Mizoram's Lallawmawma in the Round of 16 bout on Tuesday. Haryana's Solanki (60kg) has had a lean spell in recent times and he's looking to change that. The 2018 CWG silver medallist was made to dig deep for his win on Sunday. Competing against Navraj Chauhan of Himachal Pradesh, Solanki won the close bout (was reviewed) by 5-2 verdict. Up next for Solanki is Harendra Singh of Madhya Pradesh.

Biswamitra (51kg) also put up a sensational attacking display against N Madhaba of Orissa. The SSCB boxer's superior technical ability allowed him to dictate the bout from the start and triumph over his opponent as the referee stopped the contest (RSC) in the first round. Prabhudas Yadla of Andhra Pradesh will lock horns with Biswamitra next.

Two-time CWG medallist Mohammad Hussamuddin (R) displayed his attacking prowess to win by unanimous verdict (5-0) against Assam's Bulen Borgohain | BFI

Varinder Singh (60kg) was another boxer who left a strong impression on the day. Representing Railway Sports Control Board (RSCB), he got the better of Chandigarh's Rahul by 5-0 score. He will be up against Ibrahim Mohmmed of SSCB in the Round of 16 on Tuesday. Ankit Narwal (63.5kg) also posted a win over Arun Kumar of Pondicherry. The referee was forced to stop the contest in Ankit's favour in the opening round itself. On Monday, six-time Asian Championship medallist Shiva Thapa will begin his campaign. The Assam boxer will face Jaswinder Singh of Delhi in the Round of 16.

United Cup: World No 3 Ruud & Kvitova cruise

AGENCIES @ Brisbane

WORLD No 3 Casper Ruud cruised past Thiago Monteiro in straight sets but it was in vain as Norway crashed in their mixed teams United Cup tie against Brazil in Brisbane on Sunday. After the Brazilians won both opening singles rubbers Saturday, Ruud's 6-3, 6-2 victory brought his country back into contention. But the comeback was short-lived with the South Americans taking the tie when Laura Pigossi outlasted Ulrikke Eikeri 6-3, 6-4 in almost two hours at Pat Rafter Arena.

Brazil won the mixed doubles to give them a 4-1 win.

Ruud was far too consistent for the 71st ranked Monteiro, who made 27 unforced errors, wrapping up a dominant win in only 70 minutes to at least give him confidence heading into the new season. "It was a must-win match for Norway so I was maybe feeling the pressure a little bit," Ruud said. "But I was able to come out with a good start."

The Norwegian was a runner-up at last year's French and US Opens and said he was feeling confident ahead of the Australian Open later this month where he will bid to win a first Grand Slam title.

Petra Kvitova hits a return against Laura Siegemund | AFP

He did not play at Melbourne Park last year after rolling his ankle the day before his first match and said he wanted to make amends.

In Sydney, two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova proved too strong for Germany's Laura Siegemund, romping home 6-4, 6-2. It ensured the Czech Republic won the tie with an unassailable 3-0 lead, having lost their opening clash with the US 4-1. Meanwhile, German Oscar Otte defeated Dalibor Svrcina 7-6 (1), 6-2 and Germany won the mixed doubles, but the Czechs won the tie 3-2.

Pakistan & NZ seek change in fortunes

AFP @ Karachi

A DRAW last week having stopped a run of defeats for Pakistan and New Zealand, both sides will be seeking to go one better in the second and final Test in Karachi starting Monday. The tame draw halted Pakistan's four-Test losing streak at home including their first-ever 3-0 whitewash by England.

New Zealand also arrived in Pakistan on the back of a 3-0 drubbing by England.

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam vowed his team will play "positive and aggressive cricket" after they finished 2022 without a Test win at home. "We need to take things session-by-session and day-by-day," he said.

New Zealand were in a good position to win the first Test on the final day with Pakistan on 77-2, needing 97 runs to avoid an innings defeat. But Saud Shakeel, who scored 55 not out, and Mohammad Wasim with 43 averted the danger with a 71-run eighth wicket stand eating up time and overs to salvage a draw.

Pakistan declared on 311-8 but a target of 138 in 15 overs under fading light was tough for New Zealand, who finished on 59-1.

EXPRESS READ

Saina among shuttlers to skip BAC 2023 selection trials

NEW DELHI: Saina Nehwal is among shuttlers who will be skipping the national trials for the Asian Mixed Team Championships, to be held in Dubai from February 14 to 19. Saina was named along with Aakarshi Kashyap and Malvika Bansod for the trials. The senior selection committee named them to pick the second women's singles player who will join double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu in the squad. However, Saina and Malvika both have decided to skip the trials.

Andreescu beats Muguruza at Adelaide International

ADELAIDE: Canada's Bianca Andreescu has rallied to beat Garbine Muguruza of Spain 0-6, 7-6 (3), 6-1 in a clash of Grand Slam champions Sunday in the first round of the Adelaide International. The 2019 US Open champion Andreescu trailed 0-6, 2-5 before staging a remarkable comeback to beat two-time major titlist Muguruza. Top-ranked Novak Djokovic is expected to play his first round singles against Constant Lestienne of France on Monday.

Ramkumar enters singles main draw at Tata Open

PUNE: Ramkumar Ramanathan posted a brilliant victory against Mattia Bellucci to enter the singles main draw in fifth Tata Open Maharashtra in Pune on Sunday. The 28-year-old Indian, who came as a wild card, put up a spectacular show in the final round of the qualifiers to secure an easy 6-3, 7-5 win over the No. 3 seed Italian. Meanwhile, in another qualifying match, Yuki Bhambri's challenge came to an end after he lost 1-6, 4-6 to the last edition's semifinallist Elias Ymer.

Arsenal keep up happy run to extend lead in Premier League

AP @ Brighton

ARSENAL stretched their Premier League lead to seven points with a 4-2 win at Brighton on Saturday capped by a well-worked breakaway goal from Gabriel Martinelli. Goals from Bukayo Saka, Martin Odegaard and Eddie Nketiah had Arsenal 3-0 up by the 47th minute and seemingly cruising to an easy win, but Kaoru Mitoma kept Brighton in the game with a goal 25 minutes from time. Odegaard then provided a sublime through-ball for Martinelli to race half the length of the field and poke in a fourth to restore the three-goal advantage.

Brighton substitute Evan Ferguson claimed his first Premier League goal in the 77th and Mitoma thought he had set up a tense finish with an 89th-minute strike, but his effort was disallowed for offside.

Despite an unnecessarily nervy end, the win meant Arsenal took full advantage of second-place Man City's slip-up earlier as the defending champions were held to a 1-1 draw at home against Everton. Third-place Newcastle, meanwhile, saw their six-game winning streak end with a 0-0 draw against Leeds.

Brighton had won three of their last four but Saka put the visitors ahead after just a little more than a minute when he reacted quickly to control a deflected shot from Martinelli before side-footing into the net.

Odegaard was once again Arsenal's main orchestrator in midfield and nearly set up Martinelli for a second with some remarkable footwork in the area but ended up doubling the lead himself in the 39th. The ball fell to the Norway international in the area after a corner and, while he scuffed his shot into the ground, it bounced perfectly to sail into the net.

Arsenal's Martin Odegaard (L) scores his side's second goal against Brighton | AP

Nketiah then seemingly put the result beyond doubt just after the restart when he was on hand to send in a rebound after another shot from Martinelli, making it two goals in two starts for the Arsenal academy product in the absence of injured striker Gabriel Jesus.

Brighton refused to surrender, though, and Mitoma stayed just onside to collect a pass in the area and slot a shot past Aaron Ramsdale to give the hosts some life.

Suddenly Brighton were pouring forward, but Odegaard made them pay with a perfectly weighted first-touch pass that set Martinelli clear on the counter. The Brazilian outpaced Tariq Lamptey from halfway before finishing low under Robert Sanchez for the fourth.

Arteta exuberantly celebrated the goal on the touchline, but there was still plenty of drama for him to endure. Poor defending from William Saliba allowed Ferguson to sneak in and poke a milestone goal through the legs of Ramsdale. Meanwhile, Chelsea drew 1-1 with Nottingham Forest.

VILLA SHOCK SPURS

LONDON: Aston Villa ruined Tottenham's bid to climb back into the top four as a costly mistake from Hugo Lloris condemned the north Londoners to a damaging 2-0 defeat. Playing for the first time since France's World Cup final defeat, Tottenham goalkeeper Lloris weakly spilled Douglas Luiz's shot early in the second half and Emiliano Buendia pounced to put Villa ahead. Brazilian midfielder Luiz added Villa's second goal in the closing stages.

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ANNEXURE-A - APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical/Constructive/Symbolic** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Richmond Circle Branch, Secured Creditor,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31-01-2023,** for recovery of **Rs.53,73,291.65 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One and Paise Sixty Five Only) as on 31-03-2022** due to the **Indian Bank, Richmond Circle Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **1) Proprietor Sri Jagadish M S,** No.45, Shreeganda Nagar, Near Konica Garments, Peenya, 2nd Stage, Srigandhadakaval, Bangalore-560091. **2) Sri Jagadish M S (Proprietor and Mortgagor),** Flat No.F3, Jaici Plus, 16th Cross, Jayamma Layout, Nagarbhavi, 2nd Stage, Near Orchid School Back Side, Bangalore-560072. **3) Mr. Girish Kumar (Guarantor),** Residing at No.62/B, MS Badavane, Near Ring Road, Laggere Bridge, Peenya Small Industries, Bangalore-560085.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

Residential Property bearing Site No.45, Khatha No.46, Assessment No.78/1, Old No.78, Kareem Sab Layout, Near Doddanna Industrial Area, Srigandakaval Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-5600058. **Bounded by: East by:** Property No.61, **West by:** 30 Ft. Road, **North by:** Property No.44, **South by:** Property No.46.

Encumbrances on property	**Nil**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 101.96 Lakhs**
EMD Amount	**Rs. 10,19,600/-**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs. 50,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction	**31-01-2023, 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM (IST) with unlimited extension of 5 minutes each**
Property ID No.	**IDIB6686757750**

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider **MSTC Ltd** to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call **MSTC HELPDESK No.033-22901004** and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with **MSTC Ltd.,** please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com**.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact **helpline number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.**

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**

Place: 23-12-2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: Richmond Circle **Indian Bank**

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TENDER NOTICE

Union Bank of India, a leading Public Sector Bank, invites RFP for appointment of project Architect / Consultant for renovation of existing old Hostel (Kadamba Hostel) at Staff College, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru. For further details, please visit our website **http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in** or **www.eprocure.gov.in**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites Bids for the following works:

No: SE(E)/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-1/K-S5/2021-22/5432 Dated: 30.12.2022

1. Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/ TLM MP KLR/EPR-735 dated:23.12.2022. for Providing Manpower Services on Contract basis to TLM Sub Division, Kolar coming under the jurisdiction of BRAZ Circle, KPTCL. Total Requirement- 15 Nos.

No: SE(E)/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-3/K-T6/2022-23/5448 Dated: 31.12.2022

2. Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-3/T6/2022-23/EPR-732 (Call-2) Dt: 30.12.2022 Tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of C-Type Wedge Connectors of various sizes with paddles and CT Studs required for replacement of age old bolted type and as spares for the use at 400/220KV Station, various 220kV Receiving Stations and 66/11KV Sub-stations coming under Transmission (Maintenance), KPTCL, BRAZ Circle in Bengaluru Transmission Zone as per Technical Specification F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance and transportation on two part basis.

The bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the above tenders can be had by logging on to https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyper link 'e-procurement-KPTCL' or to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02.01.2023.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (El), Transmission (M), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru – 560 024. Telefax: 080-23415347.

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ANNEXURE VI

Notice under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - As regards taking possession of movables hypothecated and not hypothecated to the Bank - (ABANDONMENT of items not hypothecated to the Bank).

To

Mr./Mrs./Ms./M/s. Mr Harish Kumar and Smt Bhagyamma (borrower/mortgagor)
Sir/Madam,

Sub: Loan account/s 50291736454 with Indian Bank.Kamala Nagar branch - Reg

Mr Harish Kumar and **Smt Bhagyamma** availed certain facilities from us. The repayment of the said loans are secured by mortgage of certain property(ies). Mr Harish Kumar and Smt Bhagyamma failed to pay the outstanding to the bank and therefore was called upon to pay the amount due vide notice dated issued under Sec.13(2) of the Act. It was made clear that if payment is not made within 60 days, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights by taking possession of the securities. As **Mr Harish Kumar** and **Smt Bhagyamma** failed to make payment Bank took possession of the property more fully described in the schedule hereunder on 27.10.2022. A copy of the possession notice is enclosed.

While taking possession, Bank has taken inventory of movables/goods/items, which were found inside the schedule-mentioned property.

An inventory and Panchnama has been drawn for those movables/goods/items hypothecated to the Bank and found inside the schedule mentioned property as per the format prescribed in the Rules framed under the Act. A copy of the same is enclosed. (This para will be retained only if there are hypothecated items inside the premises which also AO has taken possession)

Bank has taken an inventory of items found inside the schedule-mentioned property, not hypothecated to the Bank. A copy of the same is enclosed/ available with the AO. You are hereby called upon to make arrangements to remove the said items not hypothecated/charged to the Bank within 7 days' time.

It is hereby made clear that Bank shall not be responsible for any loss/pilferage of such items. It is also made clear that Bank shall not take any insurance coverage for these items, as they are not charged/hypothecated to the Bank.

You are at liberty to take possession of those movables at your cost and expenses at a time to be fixed in advance with the Authorised Officer. If you do not remove those movables immediately and / or within 7 days, Bank will be constrained to abandon the items without any further reference to you in this regard.

Bank will not be responsible for any insurance and / or deterioration in value of the securities. The items are kept in a separate place only in adherence to principles of natural justice, though there is no legal obligation cast on the Bank.

Take final notice to take delivery of goods within 7 days of this notice, failing which Bank will be constrained to abandon all the items, for which you and you alone will be held responsible.

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets which has been taken possession of and which has been let out on tenancy to be given hereunder:

Mortgaged Assets: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property site no. 60, Old Khatha No.22 BBMP Khatha No.66/20/60 in ward No.40, New PID No.040-W0342-5 behind Venugopalswamy Temple, Doddabidarakallu, Yeshwanthapura Hobli Brangalore North Taluk Bangalore under BBMP Limits Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 60 feet Totally 1800 Sq Ft **Bounded as follows:** East by: Property Belongs to Thimmaiah, West By: Property Belongs to Achamma, North by: Property belongs to Ganganarasaiah, South By : Government Road.

Date: 27.12.2022 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Bank**

Repco Home Finance — REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
BANGALORE BRANCH : No.109, First Floor, A-Wing Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas the undersigned being **Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 17-08-2022** calling upon the **Borrower: C. Lakshmi,** W/o. Narasimhaiah, No.5, Vishwathi Nagar (Sannakki Bayalu), Kamakshipalya, Banglore - 560 079. **Co-Borrower I: M. Narasimhaiah,** S/o. Motaiah, No.5, Vishwathi Nagar, (Sannakki Bayalu), Kamakshipalya, Banglore - 560 079. **Co-Borrower II: N. Nagesh,** S/o. Narasimhappa, No.51, Vishwati Nagar, H Cross, Bismillah Nagar, Bangalore - 560 029. **Guarantor I: C. Shivalingaiah,** S/o. Chawaidah, No.2, Model House, 82nd Cross K.S. Layout, Bangalore - 560 078. **Guarantor II: R. Bylappa,** S/o. Ramiah, No.116, 10/A, Main Manjunath Nagar, WOC Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 058 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **vide Loan Account No.1121860102625** being **Rs.6,19,658/-** with further interest from **16-08-2022** onwards and other costs thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **27th day of December 2022.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrowers, Guarantors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Repco Home Finance Limited** at **Bangalore Branch** having branch office at No.109, First Floor, A-Wing Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560 001 **vide Loan Account No.1121860102625** for an amount of **Rs.6,64,036/-** with further interest from **26-12-2022** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All the part and parcel of property bearing site No.60, Khata No.123, Assessment No.53/1, situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Banglore is bounded by : **Boundaries:** North: Site No.61, South: Site No.59, East: Site No.49, West : Road. **Measurement:** East to West-40 feet, North to South-30 feet. total measuring an extent of 1200 Sq.ft.

Date : 27.12.2022 **Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Ltd.**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)])

Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd, Palakkad Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold by public auction at **Hebbagodi Branch premises** on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 01.02.2023 at 12.00 PM** for recovery of **Rs.2,93,06,952.45 (Cash Credit: Rs.1,08,28,588.40, Term Loan-1: Rs.51,47,452.30, Term Loan -2: Rs.1,23,30,911.75, Bank Guarantee: Rs.10,00,000.00)** as on **20.12.2022** together with future interest and cost due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd, Palakkad Branch** from

Borrower: 1. M/s. Blissful Garments P Limited., KINFRA Integrated Industrial Park, Ottapalam, Palakkad, Kerala – 679103.

Director / Guarantor / Mortgagor:

1. Mr.K.Sankaranarayanan, S/o.Mr.Parameswaran, KINFRA Integrated Industrial Park, Ottapalam, Palakkad, Kerala – 679103. **Also at:** No.725 E (3/169) "Sree Govintham" Irumpanam, Thirvankulam, Kerala – 682809.

2. Mr.R.Appanraj, S/o.Mr.Ramasamy, No.12/7, Kottain Thottam, 3rd Street, Kumaranathapuram, Tirupur, Tamilnadu – 641602. **Also at:** No.26, Thirumalai Nagar, 2nd Street, Tirupur, Tamilnadu – 641647.

Guarantor / Mortgagor:
Mr.Shankar S Sulegai, S/o.Mr.Sonusa, No.96/2, Nanjundeswara Nilayam, Amarjothi Nagar, Kangayam Road, Tirupur, Tamilnadu – 641604.

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 43,20,000.00 and the earnest money deposit will be: Rs. 4,32,000.00

Description of the Immovable Properties with known encumbrance, if any

All the parts and parcel of vacant land to the extent of 2400 Sq.ft. at Plot No.35, SF.No.17/2, 17/3, 17/4, 17/5 & 47/3, Khatha No.477, BMRDA Layout approved No.BMRDA/LAO/189/97-98, "Vaibhav Gardens" Layout, Kalbalu Village Road, Vadeyaramanchanahalli Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District standing in the name of Mr.P.Sankaranarayanan. Boundaries:- North by - Site No.34, South by- Site No.36, East by- Site No.14, West by - Road.

Reserve Price: Rs. 43,20,000.00 (Rupees Forty Three lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, the property is not subject to any encumbrance. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website i.e. **www.tmb.in.**

Place : Palakkad **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 21.12.2022 **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited**
Palakkad Branch

Repco Home Finance — REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
BANGALORE BRANCH:
No.109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, Bengaluru - 560001, Karnataka.

DEMAND NOTICE

Sl.No.1:- Borrower: Mrs. V. Venkatalakshmi, W/o. Venkatesh, Sri Sollapuradammu Nilaya, No.36, 3rd Cross BGS Main Road, Kariobanahalli, Bangalore - 560073. **Also at:** Site No.36, Asssisatnt No.12/2, Karivobahanallai, Yawshween Thappur, Hobli, Banglore. **Also at: M/s Lakshmi Venkateswara Construction,** 74th ,4 th Cross, Thigalarpalayapenny, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560073. **Co-Borrower: Mr. Venkatesh,** S/o. Ananthappa, Sri Sollapuradammu Nilaya, No.36, 3rd Cross BGS Main Road, Kariobanahalli, Bangalore - 560073.**Also at:** Site No.36, Asssisatnt No.12/2, Karivobahanallai, Yawshween Thappur, Hobli, Banglore. **Guarantor: Mr. C. Raju,** S/o. Chinna Swamy Kannan, No.1,18 th Cross, Balaji Nagar, Thigalarapalaya, Main Road, Peenya - 560058. **Also at: M/s. Kannan Labour Contract,** 15th Cross Balaji Nagar, Peenya, Bangalore - 560058.

(1) Demand Notice Dated: 19.11.2022, Loan A/C No.1121860003002, Sanction Date: 22-07-2016, Type of Loan: Construction of House, Sanction Amount: Rs.30,00,000/-.

(2) Demand Notice Dated: 19.11.2022, Loan A/C No.1121860003125, Sanction Date: 31-12-2016, Type of Loan: Construction of House, Sanction Amount: Rs.10,00,000/-.

NPA Dated: 29.07.2022, Loan Outstanding Amount of (1) Rs.29,12,175/- & (2) Rs.9,21,935/- with further interest from **18-11-2022** onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that peace and parcel of property bearing Site No.36, Khatha No.12, out of Land Assessment No.12/2, situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore. Measuring:- East to West - 40 feet, North to South - 30 feet, Totally measuring 1,200 Sq.feet and Bounded on:- East by - Road, West by - Site No.43, North by - Site No.37, South by - Road.

Sl.No.2:- Borrower: Mr. R. Kiran Kumar, S/o. Y.V. Rama Rao, No.105, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Kumara Swamy Layout, 2nd Stage, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore - 560078. **Also At:** Door No.618, 10th Cross, 8th Main 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore - 560078. **Co-Borrower: Mrs. Chandra Kala,** D/o. Govinda Raju, Door No.618, 10th Cross, 8th Main 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore - 560078. **Also at:** No.105, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Kumara Swamy Layout, 2nd Stage, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore - 560078. **Also at:** Arunodaya Public School, 80 feet Road, Subramanyapura Post, Uttaraholli, Bangalore - 560061. **Guarantor: Mrs. C. Amaravathi,** W/o. S. Venkateshwarlu, 106/2, 6th Main 9th Cross, Begur Road, Hongasandra, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068.

Demand Notice Dated: 19.11.2022, Loan A/C No.1121816003437, Sanction Date: 07-05-2018, Type of Loan: Commercial Real Estate Housing, Sanction Amount: Rs.22,00,000/-. NPA Dated: 30.10.2021, Loan Outstanding Amount of Rs.22,72,881/- with further interest from **18-11-2021** onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that parts and parcel of land and building, situated at No.618, BBMP PID No.55-873-618, consisting of ACC Sheet Roofed House measuring 11.63 Sq.Mtrs., and entire property Measuring:- East to West - 6.50 + 3.70/2 Sq.mtrs., North to South 9 Mtrs., in all measuring 34.27 Sq.mtrs., both put together measuring 45.90 Sq.Mtrs., situated at 10th Cross, 8th Main, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore - 78, formed by B.D.A. Bounded on:- East by - EWS House Property bearing No.617, West by - Road, North by - Drain, South by - Road.

As a security for the repayment of the said loan to **Repco Home Finance Limited,** you have executed a Loan Agreement and also created, an equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the property detailed herein above: Since you have defaulted in repayment of the loan, you are liable to pay the additional interest also. **The Company issued notice under the Act on above mentioned dates calling upon the above Borrowers / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the above outstanding amount** with further interest and costs thereon. **The Notice sent to all of you by Regd. Post. with Ack. Due.** We hereby call upon you, to pay the aforesaid amount due within **60 (Sixty) Days from the date of this notice,** falling which the Company shall take over the possession of secured assets mortgaged to us under the power conferred to us under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, wherein the **Repco Home Finance Limited,** is empowered to take possession of the secured assets including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale, take over the management of the secured assets, appoint any person to manage the secured assets from you and adjust the above sale proceeds towards the debt due from you. We draw your attentions to Sec. 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Date: 21-11-2022 / 19-11-2022 **Authorised Officer**
Repco Home Finance Ltd.,

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 18,64,625/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Five only)** as on **19-01-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **20-01-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. ASK Tahura Spices, Shop No.3, JM Trust Building, Kanakapura - 562117. No.2) Mr. Muqeeb ur Rahman, S/o. Abdul Razak, No.19, Muslim Block, Old Police Station Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara - 562117. No.3) Mrs. Sameera Kousar, W/o. Muqeeb ur Rahman, No.19, Muslim Block, Old Police Station Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara - 562117. No.4) Mr. Shujath Hussain, S/o. Abdul Razak, No.19, Muslim Block, Old Police Station Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara - 562117.**

Note : 1) That our **198 - Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080062590) dated **18-09-2017** requested by **No.1** of you represented by **No.2** of you as Proprietor for which **Nos.2 and 3** of you stood as Co-obligants and **No.4** of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.75,000/-** at a ROI of **15.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **19-01-2022** is **Rs.1,01,126/-** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from **20-01-2022** till the date of realization.

2) That our **198 - Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended financial assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090018541) dated **16-10-2020** requested by **No.1** of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.1,24,000/-** at a ROI of **14.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **19-01-2022** is **Rs.1,50,736/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-01-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Shujath Hussain, S/o. Abdul Razak)

All that piece and Parcel of Property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.5416/3626, Present Khatha No.5416/A/3626/A. Measuring : East to West 15 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, situated at Azeez Nagar, Ward No.15, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on the : East by : House of Rizwana, West by : Remaining Property of Sharfi, in Same number, North by : Municipal Road, South by : Halla.

Reserve Price : Rs.16,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixteen Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
23-01-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No. 080-27276688, Cell No. 9379511195. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 31-12-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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Note:- In addition to the above borrowers availed credit facilities CUB OSL Special 501812080040219, CUB OSL Special 501812080050372, CUB OSL Special 501812080047039, CUB OSL Special 501812080043666, Other housing loan 501312030010102. Total dues as on **16-10-2022** is **Rs.3,36,17,885/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Six Lakh Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Five Only)** and further interest to be charged from **17-10-2022.** Excess sale proceeds will be adjusted towards these dues.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. K.P. Devaiah, S/o. Mr. K. Ganapathi Poovaiah)

Residential Land under Sy.No.134, situated at Thippapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, to an extent of 0.12.08 Guntas which is have the following boundaries (Consisting of sites bearing Nos.1 to 8: East - Rangappa's Property, West - Muniyappa's Property, North - Govt. Road, South - Rangappa's Property.

Reserve Price: Rs.76,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
23-01-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch,** No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural - 560 003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural - 560 003 . (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 31-12-2022 **Authorised Officer**

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Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty)

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing K. No. 323/24, Situated at Hulimangla Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Measuring East to West on the Northern Side 43 Feet and on the Southern Side 61 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. Total 2,080 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : The Property No.25, North by : The Property No.23, South by : Road.

Reserve Price: Rs.55,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
24-01-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch,** 92, Z Square, Ground Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager,

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A trailblazer

Sila Calderon was sworn in as Puerto Rico's first woman governor in 2001, promising to seek greater autonomy for the US territory

CONFLICTED RELATIONSHIP

Sila's inauguration, as it was coinciding with George Bush's start in the presidency, raised the possibility of an even more conflicted relationship between Puerto Rico and the US

HISTORY OF THE ISLAND

Puerto Ricans became US citizens in 1917 and the island became semiautonomous in 1952. They serve in the US armed forces

THE CEREMONY

The presidents of Venezuela, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Panama participated in the inauguration, an indication of the respect Sila commands

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Being optimistic, keeping health and fitness in check, and being the best version of themselves. City's popular faces share their resolutions with Dese Gowda

VISION 20/23

AINDRITA RAY, actor

"Last year was not too good for us. Considering that [my husband] Diganth had back-to-back accidents, the first of which was really serious. So, it was quite a bad year, physically, doing lots of hospital rounds. I am planning to really focus on fitness in 2023. I hope my family and I will be much fitter throughout this year. Also, we turned to a vegan diet recently, so I want to do something with the vegan industry in 2023 as well."

DISHA MADAN, dancer-actor

"I don't think I've ever stuck to any resolutions. It's very hard. All of us have universal resolutions like eating healthy and losing some weight. But I want to continue travelling as we've done in the past three or four months. When my children's school vacations will begin, I want to take them on an international trip. I want to stick to such resolutions. But nothing unrealistic, ones that I know will fail. Apart from that, social media has kept me busy, and I am planning some exciting ideas to try out this year."

MD PALLAVI, singer

"The last two years has taught everyone the importance of health. Artistes, especially, are continuously travelling and performing. But at some point, you have to stop and take care of yourself. For nearly 15 years, I used to perform on New Year's Eve. But this time I had a peaceful celebration at home with my family. For 2023, my resolution is to live my life at a higher resolution, probably in 4k! I'm excited for the year as many of the projects that I've worked hard for the past few years will be coming out. A new album, a theatre production and a film. So, a lot of stuff to look forward to."

K GOUTHAM, cricketer

"I became a father recently and everything has been new in the last few months. I've been learning new things and enjoying it at every step of the way. I'm excited for 2023, but I don't have any resolutions. Just want to go with the flow. But I hope to win trophies for the Karnataka cricket team. And just try and do the best I can in my professional career and hopefully be the best version of myself."

NAMU KINI, entrepreneur

"I started the day with a run in the park – and celebrated New Year's Eve with close friends and delicious vegan food. Last year was about reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Trying to say 'yes' more. 2023 will be about mastery of routine and discipline, living my best life – attracting the best people, places and experiences."

ASHWIN MATHEW, actor-comedian

"My father's 80th birthday is coming up, so I'm planning a small trip with the family soon. I believe that every day is an opportunity to learn something, so the New Year isn't necessarily special. I guess in 2023, I want to do things better than I did them last year. I'm also looking forward to my next feature film going into pre-production this year. So hopefully, it will be a better year overall."

KJELD SRESHTH, comic

"2022 was a good year, but I'm hoping this year will be better. Mostly, I'm hoping that we don't have a lockdown again. For me, the New Year is the time to have a self-health check-up, take stock of dreams and aspirations, look back and then look forward to what's next. As a comic, my dreams have always been limitless but I've lacked the discipline to achieve them. In 2023, I'm hoping that I'll change that."

This ongoing festival will feature a variety of classical music concerts and dance performances

EXPRESS FEATURES

Confluence of Cultures

IT was a musical beginning to the year as the 13th Nirantharam National Music and Dance Festival kick-started on January 1 and will continue till January 5. This five-day festival, happening at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram, will feature a variety of classical music concerts and dance performances.The inaugural performance saw a colourful dance ballet, depicting the life and times of Nagarathnamma, a Carnatic singer, scholar, and courtesan. The show was conceptualised and directed by veteran director TS Nagabharana followed by Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi performances throughout the day.

P Ramaa, trustee of Sangeetha Sambhrama, which organised the festival says on January 2 there is a line up of NRI artistes. "It's an internationally-known music drama and dance festival. Artistes from the US and UK are participating. There is a strong line up of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi performances," says Ramaa. The festival has many performers who have been looking forward to being part of live shows. "Performers are eagerly waiting to perform live, as before it was largely online. Even regular attendees of the festival, are awaiting this," says Ramaa.

Ramaa adds on January 4 there is a dance ballet of Sri Ramanuja Vaibhavam, and suggests not missing it. It will be presented in the presence of Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamy and Karnataka Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan. Apart from that, there will be a presentation of Sambhrama Puraskar Awards 2023 to eminent artistes like R A Ramamani, Sujatha Sreenivasan, Sai Venkatesh, Prasanna Kasthuri, Praveen D Rao, Padmaja Srinivas and V Murali Nadaswara. "We are felicitating all the artistes who were bestowed with the Sangeet Nataka Academy Award from the President of India in Delhi. Around 50 people are coming for the award function and some are being awarded posthumously," concludes Ramaa.

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner this week will win a discount voucher worth ₹1,000 from SMOOR, Sadashiv Nagar**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Mrs.Cratchit 2) Indian Ocean 3) Pumpkin

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Murali S Lakshminarayana
2) Lakshmi Krishnaswamy
3) Vyome Chaugule

WHAT'S YOUR RASHI?

SHEELAA M BAJAJ

The writer is a celebrity numerologist, psychic reader, International life coach, author and TEDx speaker

MESHA: The year will start with a big surprise for you, though Mars will be in retrograde motion for Aries at the start of the year. People who are seeking relationships may get engaged or married at the start of the year. This year you will be economically stable. However, you should control your anger and what you say while angry. Your actions and speech may cause distress in your life, if unchecked. For students, it is a great time to pursue higher studies
Tip: Keep a red carnelian crystal with you to attract luck.

VRISHABHA: Seems like an average year for you overall. You won't face any distress but there may not be high points in life as well. Your workload on the job may increase. Be careful of unnecessary expenses. Your health may also be an area of concern. Don't play a victim card; it may backfire. A great time to upgrade your skills and knowledge. There may be a chance of going on a religious or spiritual trip this year. People aiming for government jobs may be able to crack it this year.
Tip: Keep a citrine crystal for financial growth.

MITHUNA: This year may be one of the toughest years for you in a long time. Both Venus and Mars are sitting in such a place which may cause both emotional and economical damage. At the end of the year, you may see a respite because of Saturn's movements. Avoid making impulsive decisions. On the career front, you may see a change of vertical or sector change, embrace it. Students need to focus a lot to get good results.
Tip: Wear a suitable gemstone and yantra for enhancing your life.

KARKA: 2023 would be a great year for your finances, hence it is advised that you invest and save your money this year. April may be a significant month for you because of Jupiter's favourable grace. You may travel a lot because of work. Your stars indicate promotion and fame in your career. However, your work commitment may increase significantly because of which your mental health and relationship area may get affected, thus need to balance well. Students may have outstanding results this year.
Tip: Keep a moonstone with you and drink lavender tea.

SINGHA: For students this year is marvellous. You may be able to reach the top ranks this year. April is a very crucial month for you. You may be able to acquire some ancestral land, be aware. This year you are protected from your enemies, thus can soar professionally at work. Avoid changing careers this year. Be aware of your finances and emotions as Rahu may cause an undesirable event, if you are not watchful.
Tip: Keep a work table victory horse for career success.

KANYA: 2023 is a mixed bag. You may see unexpected financial gains, however, in the mid of the year, you may see unforeseen losses. There can be unrest in relationships, if attention is not paid may cause divorces in some cases. You should avoid getting into arguments with your in-laws. Students may not focus well and may be moody because of Rahu, thus get into a routine to overcome this possibility. Career-wise it seems stable. Your health may need attention from the middle of the year.
Tip: Keep a Wulu in the east of the house for health and a pair of swans in the bedroom for relationship bliss.

TULA: A great time to buy property, if you are looking for your dream home or second investment. Take the plunge. You may face defamation this year if you are not careful of your actions due to some planetary influences. Anyone facing legal issues because of marriage may see respite this year. Students may have to work hard. You may be put under a magnifying glass by your spouse, and it may be a make-or-break deal. Professionally, it is a great time to expect promotions.
Tip: Keep a rose quartz crystal for relationships and money yantra for abundance.

VRUSHCHIKA: This year may be one of the best years for Scorpions in a long time. You would be able to achieve what you are dreaming of. A good time for students. Love in relationships may bloom this time. October is a critical month for you. If you are planning to immigrate to a foreign country, it is a great year to apply and move. You may face gastric issues because of too much Sun energy. Watch what you are eating.
Tip: Get a fire stone and Venus yantra.

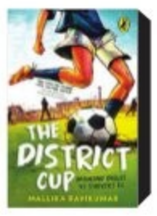
DHANU: Saturn will be blessing you this year hence it will be a good time for Sagittarians. Your efforts will be recognised and will lead to good results. However, it may not be a favourable time for love relationships. You may face intimacy issues. Students may get into bad company, which may cause a bit of a setback in their studies, thus watch the company you keep. Financially this is a good year, make the best out of it with good planning.
Tip: Keep a Venus yantra with you.

MAKARA: This is a blockbuster year for people in the real estate business. This year may bring financial stability with some unexpected jackpot coming your way. You will be confident through the year, however, don't make decisions with over-confidence. For students, it is an average time so make sure you double your efforts. Love is in the air do not be shy to make the first move.
Tip: Wear a red tiger eye bracelet to boost career.

KUMBHA: You can expect excitement as this year is going to be a good adventure year. You may see a significant improvement in your communication. If your Saturn is supporting you, this year will be a blockbuster year. Professionals need to focus and not get distracted. On the relationship front, it is what you make of it, so be positive and open. Students can expect success.
Tip: Wear a tourmaline bracelet if you are drawing too much attention.

MEENA: Till April, it is a great time for you to make the most of it to start the year strong and carry it throughout the year. After April, it will be a roller-coaster ride if the first quarter is not utilised to set the base. Be careful of your eyes and feet. You may have to spend a lot on your health if you don't take good care. Students can achieve desired results with consistency. There may be tests in your love and relationships, learn to handle it with patience to win over.
Tip: Keep a Medicine Buddha picture in the east of the house.

BOOK NOOK



The District Cup
by Mallika Ravikumar

Set in a fictional coastal town of Maulsari, this is the story of a football team that attempts to break barriers of age-cheating that has plagued Indian sports.

Dreamer Series
by Lavanya Karthik

The latest two in the illustrated biographies series looks at the early lives of Mahasweta Devi and PC Sorcar. Both who grew up to become some of the most renowned artists in their respective fields.

Magic Maker Series
by Mamta Nainy

Read the latest two to uncover how nature inspired Rabindranath Tagore or Robi to write his Nobel-prize winning work *Gitanjali* and how Usha Uthup recognised her unique voice which gave her international recognition.

Passepartout, Is that You?
By Menaka Raman

This short and delightful read is the latest in the *Hook Book* series. Set in Tamil Nadu, the story is based on Shyam's search for Passepartout— a rescued tortoise who he promised to watch over.

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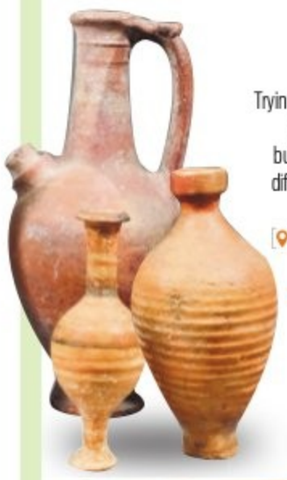


Creating Pottery

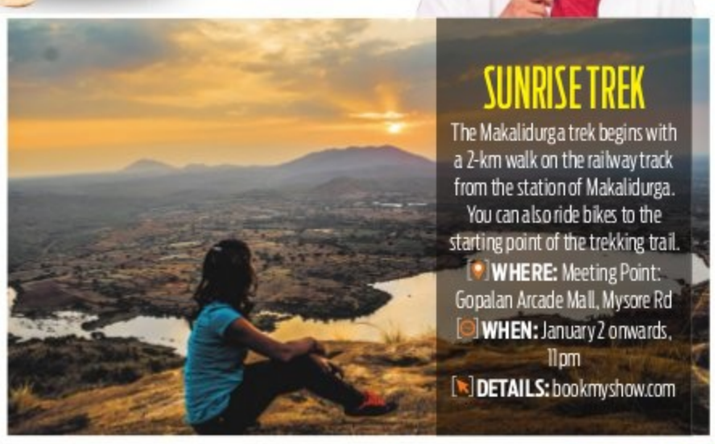
Trying your hand at pottery will not only help you build a skill during these difficult times but will be therapeutic as well.

WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
WHEN: January 3 onwards, 11am
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Open Mics

It's that time of the week again: a monotonous, monstrous Monday! Meet Shankar Chugani, the standup comedian who wants to offer you some laughs to save you from boredom.

WHERE: 21st Amendment Gastrobar, Indiranagar
WHEN: January 2 onwards, 8pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



SUNRISE TREK

The Makalidurga trek begins with a 2-km walk on the railway track from the station of Makalidurga. You can also ride bikes to the starting point of the trekking trail.

WHERE: Meeting Point: Gopalan Arcade Mall, Mysore Rd
WHEN: January 2 onwards, 11pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sing Along

Come for an evening of karaoke in the busiest street of Koramangala with tickets redeemable on food and beverages.

WHERE: Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala
WHEN: January 2 onwards, 6.30pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Inanimate Drama

Henrik Ibsen's play *A Doll House* has been translated to Kannada by Meera Murthy and enacted by the Abhinaya Taranga theatre school for all to see.

WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
WHEN: January 3, 7.30pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Shake it!

Through the elegant medium of Salsa dancing, put your body and mind to full use. Also stand a chance at representing India at the World Salsa Championship.

WHERE: shArA, Jayanagar
WHEN: January 2 onwards, 11am
DETAILS: insider.in

Pawsome

Puppy essentials now available from the comfort of your home. Get access to this instructional video of what you need to know to get started on the right paw.

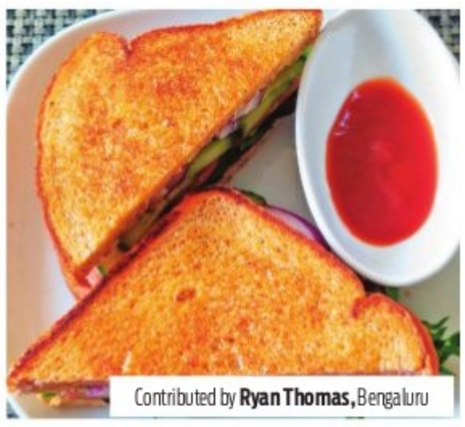
WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 2 onwards, 12pm
DETAILS: allevents.in

SLEIGHT OF HAND

Magician Praveen performs on the last day of Artisan Bazaar organised at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

JACKFRUIT SANDWICH



Contributed by **Ryan Thomas,** Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- **Chopped unripe jackfruit:** 2 cups
- **Chilli Flakes**
- **Salt & pepper:** as per taste
- **Oregano for seasoning**
- **Cheese slices**
- **Bread:** 4 slices
- **Capsicum:** 1/2 cup
- **Tomato:** 1/2 cup
- **Onion:** 1/2 cup
- **Garlic:** 4-5 cloves
- **Green chillies:** 2, chopped
- **Coriander leaves**

METHOD

- In a pressure cooker, heat 1 tsp cooking oil for half a minute.
- Add the chopped jackfruit with 3 cups of water. Close the pressure cooker and cook on high flame.
- After 2 whistles, let it cook on low flame for another 3 minutes.
- In a bowl, thoroughly mix the cooked jackfruit with salt, pepper, chilli flakes, green chillies, coriander leaves and oregano seasoning.
- In a pan, cook the tomato, garlic, capsicum and onion with salt and pepper for 2 minutes and keep it ready.
- Stack the sandwich in this order — a slice of bread, cheese slice, cooked tomato, capsicum, garlic and onion mix, jackfruit mix (another cheese slice optional) and a slice of bread.
- In a pan, toast the sandwich with ghee and serve.

Note: The aim is to get the consistency of the jackfruit mix like mashed potatoes.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

ASHVARATNA MUDRA

Mudras are subtle energy activators. These gestures require a certain degree of awareness and sensitivity. Practising this Mudra is an effective way to overcome ego. It promotes blood circulation and vitality. Keep your hands in front of your chest.

STEPS

- Choose a comfortable sitting pose such as Padmasana, Siddhasana, Vajrasana and Sukhasana. If it is not possible, sit on a chair or bed.
- Place the back of your hands on the knees and your palms should be facing the sky.
- Close your eyes and focus your vision on the third eye or any particular point, so that your body is steady.
- Take some deep breaths and relax your mind, accompanied by the feeling of letting go and sticking to saying 'no'.
- Then, join the palms with the interlaced index and ring fingers. Open the thumbs, ring and little fingers.
- Leave a space between the ring and the small fingers in the band. Make sure that you are holding the mudra in front of the chest.
- Relax your shoulders and breathe naturally.
- Now imagine that you are looking at your life from the outside.
- Observe objectively without judging all the behaviours you often encounter.
- Now participate in what does not work for you.
- You feel your behaviours and reactions.
- When you feel this is more useful for you, focus on these positive behaviours.
- You can hold this mudra for 5-10 minutes.

LIMITATIONS

No limitations for performing this mudra.

BENEFITS

- This helps to balance digestion and circulation.
- It cuts through ego-clinging and narrow-mindedness.
- This helps to give a new perspective on your choices and your way of life.
- It balances the Earth, Water, and Fire elements, benefiting digestion, circulation, and overall vitality.
- Mudra science is based on the principles of Ayurveda.
- Ayurveda talks about three primary factors that are responsible for physical, mental, and emotional health.

By N Elumalai, PhDscholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THEERPPU (Malayalam)

Four friends who share a troubled history and familial strife, meet at a hotel. This happenstance get-together ends up in fresh tension, leading to unforeseen circumstances.

Cast: Hannah Reji Koshy, Isha Talwar, Prithviraj Sukumaran
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

LOVE TODAY (Tamil)

At the request of the bride-to-be's suspicious father, a couple must swap phones for 24 hours before they get married.

Cast: Pradeep Ranganathan, Sathyaraj, Ivana
Watch on: Netflix

TEHKIKAT (Hindi)

When a young woman dies as the result of an accident, a police investigation leads to evidence of her boyfriend's involvement.

Cast: Priyamani, Kishor
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KOOMAN (Malayalam)

A strict police officer moves to a hilly village on the border between Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Events disrupt his life and that of many other people connected to that police station.

Cast: Asif Ali, Hannah Reji Koshy, James Eliya
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THANK GOD (Hindi)

A real estate broker meets with an accident and wakes up in heaven, only to be informed by God that he must play a "Game of Life." If he manages to win, he'll be sent back to Earth, but he'll be sent to hell if he loses.

Cast: Siddarth Malhotra, Rahul Preet Singh, Ajay Devgn
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MONSOON RAGA (Kannada)

A beautiful journey from a school boy's crush to a middle-aged bachelor's office romance. The film is filled with bits of romance at different points of the protagonist's life.

Cast: Achyuth Kumar, Yasha Shivakumar, Suhasini
Watch on: ZEE5

SAROJ KA RISHTA (Hindi)

Determined to win the love of her childhood sweetheart, Saroj decides to undergo a body transformation to get rid of her obesity. However, the ensuing confusion leads to a series of comic capers.

Cast: Sanah Kapur, Gaurav Pandey, Randeep Rai
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

AMSTERDAM (English)

Set in the '30s, it follows three friends who witness a murder, become suspects themselves, and uncover one of the most outrageous plots in American history.

Cast: Margot Robbie, Christian Bale, Taylor Swift, Anya Taylor-Joy
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

THE RECRUIT (English, series)

A fledgling CIA lawyer gets caught up in a dangerous game of international politics when a former asset threatens to expose the nature of her relationship with the agency unless they clear her name.

Cast: Noah Centineo, Laura Haddock, Five Stewart, Kaylah Zander
Watch on: Netflix

THE CONJURING: THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT (English)

Arne Cheyenne Johnson stabs and murders his landlord, claiming to be under demonic possession while Ed and Lorraine Warren investigate the case and try to prove his innocence.

Cast: Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Sarah Catherine Hook, Ruairi O'Connor
Watch on: Netflix

ONCE AGAIN (Korean, series)

An elderly couple is happily married with four children. However, the lives of their children go through various ups and downs that affect the parents.

Cast: Lee Min-jung, Lee Sang-Yeob, Lee Cho-hee, Ki Do-hoon
Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

FOR THE ROADS LESS TRAVELLED

CE takes a look at the craze for SUVs and off-roaders, and the New Year launches in the segment

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

FOR many, the car is a second home. A comfort zone. They love reading, browsing or taking a nap while cruising on butter-smooth roads. But there is another tribe for whom the car is a beast. They enjoy putting their beasts to test on terrains less travelled; they love the mud, rocks, inclines and slush.

Automakers around the world have been increasingly focusing on this growing tribe, since vehicles with some level of off-roading capabilities have been selling like hot cakes.

Sports utility vehicles or SUVs have their roots in wars of the early 20th century. Militaries needed vehicles that could push ahead on unnavigable terrains. Today, 'SUV' has become branding for any vehicle that has the faintest resemblance to good-old military utility vehicles, the Real McCoys.

Off-roading vehicles must be able to negotiate terrains that are dangerous to normal vehicles. Traction, water-wading capability, strategic power and braking distribution among all wheels, approach angle and departure angle, and precision steering are some vital factors that differentiate SUVs from SUV aspirants.

Off-road vehicles have an enthusiastic fan-following because of their versatility as well as the 'rough-and-tough' image. Notably, it is not just men who opt for the macho machines. These days it is not uncommon to spot women making a power statement with SUVs and off-roaders, complete with those aviator shades!

These machines are also popular in motor sports, and safari circuits. There are several SUVs in the market, with models being rolled out under a wide price range. Most impressive models have certain variants with four-wheel drive capability, which make them stand out in the crowd.

Currently, the Indian market has SUVs that start at about ₹15 lakh, and go up to crores. For off-roading, one needs all-wheel drive (AWD), or four-wheel drive (4X4) set-up. Basically, in such drive-train systems, all wheels get power. This helps the vehicle take on any terrain.

Lamborghini Urus Twin-Turbo V8, Mercedes Benz G-Class and Land Rover Range Rover Sport are some top picks in the elite segment – priced between ₹1.5 crore and ₹3.5 crore.

In the sub-crore category, Jeep is an international hot favourite with superior 4x4 capabilities.

The Grand Cherokee, Meridian, Compass, and Wrangler are popular picks as well. The new state-of-the-art Grand Cherokee is designed (interior and exterior) to deliver top-notch capabilities and composed driving dynamics.

Mahindra's 4x4 vehicles have a huge fanbase in India. XUV 700, Scorpio N and, of course, the Thar are real thug-life machines.

Some of the other trending SUV/off-roaders include Toyota Fortuner, Tata Safari , Maruti Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder V AWD, MG Gloster, Force Gurkha, and Isuzu V-Cross.

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4 X 4

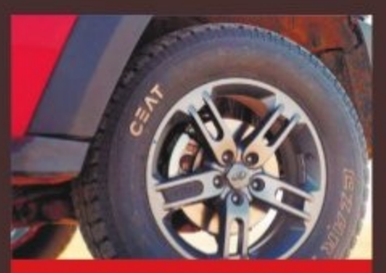
Four-wheel drive, aka 4×4 or 4WD, refers to a two-axle vehicle drivetrain capable of providing torque to all of its four wheels simultaneously. It may be full-time or on-demand. These on-demand systems need either manual operation via gear lever/switches or operated automatically.

SUV LAUNCHES IN EARLY 2023

Some important SUV launches are lined up in the coming months, including facelifts and generation upgrades. All these are expected to be unveiled at the Auto Expo 2023. MG Motor India will launch the facelifted version of MG Hector with the level-2 ADAS safety suite and cosmetic enhancements . The upcoming Mahindra Thar 5-door is essentially a long- wheelbase version of the standard Thar, improving on the practicality and capability of the two-door 4×4 SUV. It will sport a better chassis to carry the extra length while retaining its 4×4 capabilities. Fans have been waiting for the pricing announcement of the Mahindra XUV 400, too. Tata Harrier is currently undergoing a facelift, and is likely to come out in a new, robust petrol avatar. The new Hyundai Creta is inspired by the next-generation Tucson. Both feature the company's new parametric grille that runs along the length of the vehicle. Kia Seltos facelift will come with updated styling. The platform is highly localised for India, and Kia is expected to add more features. Maruti Suzuki's Jimny 5-door SUV is eagerly awaited. Another expectation from the trusted brand is the Baleno Cross. Pricing of the newly unveiled Innova Hycross is likely to be announced in the coming weeks.

ALL-TERRAIN TYRES

Tyres play a significant role for any off-road vehicle, as they ensure optimal traction required to keep it moving. The off-road tyre tread types vary depending on the terrain type. The most common types of off-road tyres are A/T (all-terrain) and M/T (mud-terrain). While the A/T tyres perform excellently on the sand, they are not great on mud. There are also unique sand blaster and mud bogging tyres used for the most challenging terrains.



CEAT CZAR AT

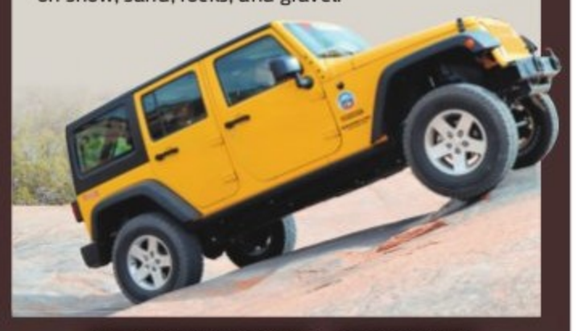
The OE tyre of the Desi Wrangler, Mahindra Thar 2020, vouches for efficient grip on toughest terrains alongside balanced traverse over asphalt. Its square-shaped shoulder block coupled with an aggressive tread pattern provides better stability and traction on any terrain. The innovative 2D teeth sipes ensure brilliant grip on wet and dry surfaces, while deep grooves chuck out mud and water effectively.

MICHELIN LTX FORCE

Michelin is one of the trustworthy producers and is among the top options in the world for off-road travellers. When planning a trip to steep mountains, ghats, or even uneven roads, its LTX Force is the best option.

YOKOHAMA GEOLANDAR A/T G015

The brand-new Geolandar A/T G015 moves things up a notch. The tyre is equipped with an exceptional tread pattern and an aggressive shoulder block to easily handle even enormous lumps of wet mud. The tyre performs just as well on snow, sand, rocks, and gravel.



MRF WANDERER A/T ALL-TERRAIN

The domestically produced MRF Wanderer A/T All-Terrain SUV tyre is quite well-liked. The tyre is best known for its value for money, which combines off-road performance with durability. The tyre uses a superior tread pattern and a compound material that is strengthened steel reinforced with N66 ply. Wide range of wheel sizes (R 15 to R 18), making it suitable for a number of SUVs.

HANKOOK DYNAPRO AT M (RF10)

In the off-road SUV tyre market, this Korean company's tyres has gradually gained ground. This 4x4 vehicle-compatible puncture-resistant tyre works best on rough terrain. To protect it from off-road impacts, it has reinforced under-tread gauge, a thick sidewall, and a carcass. It is equipped with a joint-less bead wire that guarantees safety when travelling off-road under light pressure.

XPRESS HIGHWAY
FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

CITY READ

Social worker gets award

Chembur Karnataka Sangha, an organisation from Mumbai, held a cultural programme 'Sahitya Sahavas-2022' in Mumbai. SK Sivamade Gowda, a Bengaluru-based social worker, was given an award in recognition of his services. The event was presided over by Sudhakar Arate. Sivamade Gowda, the chairman of South Indian Industrial, Government of India and owner of Marvella Build Tech. He has given financial assistance to the education of the children of daily wage labourers and has donated food to hundreds of people during the pandemic. Recognising his social service, the Chembur Karnataka Sangha honoured him with an award.

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I, ZUBAIR HUSSAIN, residing at Flat No. E302, Orchid Woods, Hennur Main Road, Gubbi Cross, Kothanur, Bangaore-560077, have changed my Minor Son's name from **MD NOMAN HUSSAIN** to **NOMAN HUSSAIN** vide affidavit Dated 22/12/2022 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SUMATHI PATIL, residing at No. 682, Banashankari 6th Stage, 8th Block, 7th Cross, 9A Main, Post Kengeri, Bangalore PIN-560060, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SUMATHI PATIL** to **(NEW NAME) KASHIBAI S PATIL** vide affidavit Dated 28/12/2022 sworn before Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED SADIQULLA,** S/o. Mohamed Fazlulla and Resident of No. 17/3, 7th Cross, Kuber Singh Lane, Doddamavalli, Bangalore - 560 004, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMMED SADIQULLA MOHAMED FAZLULLA** to **MOHAMMED SADIQULLA** vide affidavit dated 31.12.2022 sworn to before R. Vishwanath, Advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ARJUN** Father of NO 16115233W SPR Late TUKARAM CHOURI, Todalbagi, BagalKot, KARNATAKA (State), Pin: 587301, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ARJUN CHOURI** And DOB From **11.02.1957** to **01.01.1949** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2022 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHEEBA** R/at No.322, Singapura Paradise, Varadarajnagar, Bengaluru-560097, have changed my name to **SHEEBA JAFFER SHARIFF** vide affidavit dated: 31/12/2022 Before Notary **B.S.Padma Prasad** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CAPSTINA AROKIA RAJ** (New Name) {New Name Without Expansion of Initial is CAPSTINA A R}, aged about 31 years, W/o. ALDO MANUEL, RESIDING AT No.47/150, 2nd CROSS, NARAYANAPPA LAYOUT, HORAMAVU AGARA, BENGALURU-560043, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **CAPSTINA RAJ** & **CAPSTINA R** (Old Names) to **CAPSTINA A R** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **CAPSTINA A R** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 31/12/2022 before Notary **L.GOPALAKRISHNA** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) NAGARATHNA HUNASANAHALLI NANJAPPA, residing at No. 35, Sri Maruthi Nilaya, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, NGEF Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560072, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) NAGARATHNAMMA HUNASANAHALLI NANJAPPA** vide affidavit Dated 14/12/2022 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SELVI .K,** W/o. Rangappa, Age 41 years, R/at # 85/3, Bhavani Road, Near Sri Rama Temple, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560 099, do hereby declare that both names **SELVI .K** and **MANJULA R** are belongs to me only and one and the same person. Hereinafter in future I will be called as **SELVI .K** vide affidavit dated 29.08.2022 sworn to before Chanchala Lakshmi, Advocate & Notary, (Govt. of India) at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Nisha Kumari, D/o. Mr. Manohar Prasad, W/o Mr Manish Kumar, aged about 44 years, R/at B-105, Sai Purvi Grand, Near Ryan International School, Brookefield, Marahahalli Post, Bangalore - 560037, Karnataka, India. I have changed my name from **'NISHA KUMARI'** to **'NISHA DEVI'.** Vide Affidavit dated 31-12-2022, Sworn before Advocate & Notary **Indira S S,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GANGAVVA** Mother of NO 16115233W SPR Late TUKARAM CHOURI, Todalbagi, Bagalkot, KARNATAKA (State), PIN:587301, Have Changed My Name to **(New Name) GANGAVVA CHOURI** And DOB From **02.03.1965** to **01.01.1954** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2022 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. VIJAYA KUMAR,** S/o. Sadashivaiah, # 40, Amma Nilaya, Ankappa Layout, Bidadi, Ramanagar District declare that my name is mentioned in Aadhar Card as **VIJAYA KUMARA** whereas in Passport it is **VIJAYA KUMAR.** Henceforth my name will be called as **VIJAY KUMAR S.** sworn to before Notary H.V.Shekar, on 29/12/2022 at Ramanagar.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJULA .N,** aged about 38 years, W/o Prabhakar .A, R/at No. 19, 15th Main Road, Near Bhuvaneshwari Tempe, B.S. Colony, Bengaluru North, HAL 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 008, have changed my son name from **PARMESH .P** to **ANVIK SANJAY HALI,** vide affidavit dated 31/12/2022, before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIMPLE NASIKKAR,** aged about 42 years, W/o Abhishake Jha, Indian inhabitant, R/at No. E-1001, Rohan Iksha Apartments, Bhoganahalli, Near New Horizon Vidya Mandir School, Bangalore - 560103. In my all documents my name is mentioned as **"DIMPLE NASIKKAR"** In my Passport my name is mentioned as **"DIMPLE CHANDRAKANT NASIKKAR"** The both names are **"DIMPLE NASIKKAR"** and **"DIMPLE CHANDRAKANT NASIKKAR"** belongs to one and the same person only. vide affidavit dated 30-12-2022 sworn before **P. Nanjunda** Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUCHITA SHANBHAG** W/o Sri. Pradeep .G Kamath and daughter of Mr. Nagesh Shanbhag, Aged about 45 years, residing at No. 220, 3rd Cross, Vidyamanyanagar, Bengaluru-560091. I have changed my name from SUCHITA SHANBHAG (Old Name) to **DEEPA KAMATH (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated **30.12.2022**, Sworn before notary **R. Shivanna Chari,** Advocate & Notary, Ramshi Associates, Peenya Indl., Bengaluru-560058.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANYAM SINHA,** Aged about 30 years, W/o. Ankit Pandey, 442 DSR Waterscape, K Channasandra, Rampura Main Road, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bangalore - 560 043, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANYAM** to **SANYAM SINHA** vide affidavit dated 31.12.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) A. KRISHNAVENI** Spouse of NO 15320694X HAV ANNAPUREDDY RANGAREDDY Residing at H.NO.1-48, Oddulavagu Palli (Vill & Post), Racharal (MD), Giddalur (TK), Prakasham (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN:523356, Have Changed My Name to **(New Name) ANNAPUREDDY KRISHNAVENI** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2022 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GADDAM LATHA** Spouse of NO 16114663N HAV KATIKALA KRISHNAM RAJU, House NO 2/213, Aripirala (vill & post), Gudiwada (Tehsil), Krishna (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (state), Pin : 521106, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KATIKALA LATHA** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.12.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

MARKS CARD LOST
I, **Shyamsundar Rao J R,** aged about 42 years, S/o Sri JM. Ramdev Rao, R/o No. 10, Sri Renuka Kripa, Kanaka Giri Layout, Next to Film Shooting House, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560 053, Karnataka do hereby inform to the general public that on 14-12-2022, while I was travelling from Ramamurthy Nagar to Horamavu, I have lost my Tool and Die Making Convocation Certificate and Final Examination Marks Card from my safe custody. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 19-12-2022, I had lodged police complaint at Ramamurthy Nagar Police Station, Vide Lost Article Report No. 0419383/2022. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 8884049234.

A SHARADHAA

THE Kannada industry made a splash in 2022 and got a strong foothold across different industries. Movies like *KGF 2*, *Kantara*, *777 Charlie*, *James*, and *Vikrant Rona*, which were the top-grossing films have also caught the attention and appreciation of people irrespective of the languages they speak, and the industry managed to surpass Bollywood, Tollywood, and Kollywood in many aspects. This has certainly increased the expectations of Kannada films. With the backlog of films and umpteen number of projects in the making, the Kannada industry is expected to churn out more than 250 films this year too.

While we await stars like Sudeep, and Yash, to officially announce their next project, Rishab Shetty has confirmed collaborating with Hombale Films again, and details will be out soon. The actor will also be starring in *Bell Bottom 2*. The year will begin with *Mr. Bachelor, Spooky College,* and *Ms. Nandini* hitting theatres this year. Meanwhile, we give you a quick list of the most awaited films in Sandalwood to be released this year.

Topping the list and first to hit the theatres will be Darshan's *Kranti*, which will mark his second collaboration with director V Harikrishna. A multilingual film produced by Shylaja Nag and Suresha B, the film is a take on the education system, and explores the plight of government schools. *Kranti* is all set to release on Republic Day (January 26), prior to which a trailer will be unveiled on January 7.

Darshan also has his next project, D 56, on floors. He is collaborating with *Roberrt* director Tharun Kishore Sudhir for the film, which is produced by Rockline Ventakesh. The action entertainer will have Malashree and Ramu's daughter Radhana Ram making her debut.

Upendra has two films, - *Kabzaa* and *UI* the movie. Chandru's directorial is making the right kind of noise since its inception. The *Kabzaa* team has announced that the film will be released in seven languages including Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi, Bengali, and Hindi besides Kannada. The period drama, which features the Real star as a underworld Don, also stars Sudeep in a pivotal character as Bhargav Bakshi. The film, which also stars Shriya Saran, is currently in post-production, and the release date is expected to be out soon

All eyes will be on Upendra's *UI,* which has him return to direction after seven years. The film, which has created hype just with its title and posters, is currently on floors. Backed by G Manoharan and KP Sreekanth, we know that senior actor Murali Krishna and

Ek Love Ya heroine Reeshma Nanaiah are part of the cast.

Shivarajkumar has a handful of interesting projects. His next will be *Ghost,* directed by Srini, under the Sandesh Productions banner. The Century Star also has *Karataka Dhamanaka* helmed by Yogaraj Bhat and produced by Rockline Venkatesh. *45* starring Shivaana marks the directorial debut of music composer Arjun Janya and is produced by Ramesh Reddy.

Raghavendra Stores, starring Jaggesh, Shwetha Srivatsav and directed by Santhosh Anandram, will be the 12th film backed by Hombale Films. The innovative film, which is an interesting blend of comedy and politics, is ready to hit the theatres.

Hemant Rao's *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello,* starring his *Godhi Banna Sadharana Mykattu* actor Rakshit Shetty and Rukmini Vasant, is an intense love drama, which is currently on floors. This apart, Rakshit is working on *Richard Anthony*, which will be backed by Hombale Films.

Martin marks the reunion of Dhruva Sarja and AP Arjun after 8 years. An out-and-out action commercial multilingual entertainer, *Martin* will be the 6th outing for Dhruva Sarja, and is produced by Uday K Mehta.

Dhruva Sarja also has *KD* for which he is teaming up with director Prem and KVN Productions. The third directorial of Raj B Shetty, titled *Swati Muttina Male Haniye*, is produced by Ramya under her Apple Box Studios

Pretham Gubbi's next with Ganesh, *Banadaariyali*, is a romantic adventure drama that has music by V Harikrishna. The film also stars Rukmini Vasant and Reeshma Nanaiah. This apart, Ganesh also has a film with Suni, titled *Rayagada,* which is yet to go on floors.

Shivaji Surathkal sequel directed by Akash Srivatsa will be the next for Ramesh Aravind. The film, which stars Radhika Chetan, and Megha Gaonkar, is produced by Rekha KN and Anoop Gowda

Dhananjay has two big films in 2023. The actor's 25th film, *Hoysala,* directed by Vinay, and bankrolled by Karthik Gowda, and Yogi G Raj's KRG Studios has wrapped up shooting and is looking for a March 30th release.

The actor's next will be *Uttarakaanda*. The film will be the actor's second combination with Rohit Padaki and mark the return of Ramya to tinsel town. Shooting is likely to begin in the next few months.

Suri's first collaboration with Abishek Ambareesh has created hype. The film, which has completed the shoot is now in the post-production stage.

The actor also has S Krishna's *Kaali,* which also stars Sapthami Gowda, and a project with director S Mahesh Kumar. The year will also keep Darling Krishna busy with a handful of films beginning with *Mr. BAchelor,* followed by *Sugar Factory, Love Birds, Love Me or Hate Me,* and *Kaushalya Supraja Rama,*

There is a buzz around Vinay Rajkumar's seventh film, *Pepe*. Directed by Srilesh S Nair, the film traverses between 1970 to 2020. There is also Digantha's *Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana*, and Pruthvi Ambaar's Dooradarshana in the pipeline

This year marks the debut of Yuvarajkumar, who gets his first big break with Santhosh Ananddram's upcoming film with Hombale Films.

Director Suni is launching newcomer Dushyanth in a film titled, *Gathavaibhava*, which also stars Ashika Ranganath.

DHANANJAY SHOULDERS THIS LACKLUSTRE CRIME DRAMA

A SHARADHAA

DHANANJAY enjoys experimenting with his films, and he doesn't shy away from risking his mass image too. Unlike the successful *Raate*, *Once Upon a Time in Jamaligudda* seems to be quite the miscalculation.

The Kushal Gowda film screams for the want of a narrative but fails miserably. What it does positively for Dhananjay is to provide him the ability to showcase a spark of his magic.

The film set some time in the 1990s tells the tale of two criminals in jail, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Their mutual understanding helps them escape. Accidently, they find a young handicapped girl Chukki, who creates differences between them, leading the two to face some harsh consequences, which is one part of the story. The reason for Hiroshima's imprisonment is brought out in the second half when as a bar supplier he falls for a spa masseuse, which changes the course of his life.

Will Hiroshima be able to reunite with his love, change his image and get back with Nagasaki, makes for the rest of the story.

To give credit where it's due, the beautiful locales of Bababudangiri hills are elegantly captured by cinematographer Karthik. Kushal Gowda tries to stick with a simple plot, giving a sneak peek into occasional emotional situations, but doesn't give enough insight into any individual characters. While a couple of sequences go over the top, there are certain scenes which confuse the viewer. A considerably tighter script and well thought out as well as provocative episodes could have given the story of *Jamaligudda* a slight but much needed revival. The first half is ordinary, and the second half tests the audience's patience. Kushal will need a lot of improvisation on the story table and his execution in the near future.

RATING 3/5

As Hiroshima, Dhananjay definitely takes up and experimental role, but pulls it off convincingly. Another highlight is Yash Shetty as Nagasaki. He is playful and one can see him in a different role from his previous film.

Aditi Prabhudeva does not get much scope for performance, but she justifies her character. The director could have made use of actor Prakash Belawadi in a better way while Nandagopal and Bhavana do not have much scope.

While a couple of songs by composer Arjun Janya work in favour of the film, Anoop Seelin's background score does not add much weight to the story. Editor Harish Komme could have made it sharp at the edit table.

If you are a fan of love and crime genres, and a Dhananjay fan, Once Upon a Time in Jamaligudda might just be an okayish watch at best.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN JAMALIGUDDA

Director: Kushal Gowda

Cast: Dhananjay, Aditi Prabhudeva, Bhavana, and Prakash Belawadi

Milana Nagaraj to star alongside Anissh in *Aaram Aravind Swamy*

The rom-com, currently on floors, is directed by Abhishek Shetty

CE FEATURES

AKIRA actor Anissh's upcoming film, *Araam Aravind Swamy,* directed by Abhishek Shetty, is currently on floors. Except for the lead hero, the makers have kept the other details under wraps. However, *CE* has learnt that Milana Nagaraj has been brought on board, and she will play the female lead in this romantic comedy entertainer. This is the first time Milana will share screen with Anissh. She has already started shooting a few portions for the film, and more details about her character is expected soon.

Aaram Aravind Swamy is jointly produced by Akira and Gultoo producers. Abhishek Shetty, known for his films like *Nam Gani Bcom Pass* and *Gajanana and Gang,* has penned the story, screenplay, and dialogues for this film too. Meanwhile, Milana will be seen alongside Pruthvi Ambaar in director Naveen Dwarakanath's *For Regn,* and is paired with Krishna in P C Shekar's *Love Birds*.

Ravichandran's stylish entry to *KD*

CE FEATURES

CRAZY Star Ravichandran joins *KD,* the upcoming mass action entertainer starring Dhruva Sarja and directed by Prem. The team made an official announcement on New Year's Day, "In war, the "crazy" ones are never forgotten. Welcoming Crazy Star V Ravichandran sir alias Annayyappa to KD's war! " An official announcement was made by the team, which reveals the character's name, and features Ravichandran in an Indo - western avatar, exuding swag, and sporting sacred ash on his forehead. The crazy star's stylish entry in a vintage car also sees people protesting in the backdrop.

While there are no further details about his role, we learnt that the shooting for *KD* has already begun. Ravichandran has begun shooting his portions "KD is based on true incidents and it will not be a regular period film. The project is not about a particular person and has an underlying message," said Prem in an earlier interview with *CE*. A multilingual film backed by KVN Productions, *KD* will have Arjun Janya scoring music.